

Re-establishing Their Right of Way



The British citizen always has been most jealous of the maintenance of his ancient rights of way. In order to re-establish their right of way through a bridal path leading to Hanworth park, the residents of Feltham, Middlesex, marched through, demolishing a wall en route. The path had been closed for a government aerodrome.

FANTASTIC LOANS MADE BY BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA TO SOCIALISTS' FAVORED RING

Fifty Thousand Dollars Given to Baer's Relatives On Golden Valley County Lands—Owner Is Speculator and Not a Resident of the State

Cahill, Red Flag Defender, and McKaig, League Manager in Idaho, Also on the List For Special Favors at Hands of Mr. Cathro

How the Bank of North Dakota, under the management of the industrial commission, controlled by Governor Frazier and John N. Hagan, commissioner of agriculture, and by F. W. Cathro, manager of the bank, has been operating the farm loan department is strikingly portrayed in the case of five loans aggregating \$50,000 made on unimproved lands in Golden Valley county to D. J. McMahon of St. Paul, Minn., an uncle of Mrs. John M. Baer, wife of the Nonpartisan league congressman from the First North Dakota district.

The law provides that loans on farm lands shall not be in excess of 50 per cent of the value of the land.

Another law provides that lands shall be assessed at their full value for purposes of taxation.

In one instance, a loan made to McMahon exceeds by \$72 the assessed value of the land in question.

In another, the land is valued, under the 100 per cent valuation act, at \$22 more than the Bank of North Dakota has loaned on it.

In still another—an \$8,500 loan—the margin between the loan and the actual value as fixed by the assessor is only \$552.

All told—the \$50,000 in public moneys used for the purpose of financing the loan to the St. Paul land speculator, while North Dakota farmers were unable to get money on their land, is secured by lands assessed at only \$69,128, whereas the Bank of North Dakota law prescribed that the loans shall not exceed 50 per cent of the value of land.

The loan of \$50,000 made to the St. Paul land speculator was made at a time when hundreds of North Dakota farmers—actual residents and on-the-land farmers, were unable to obtain accommodations. They were turned down while Mr. Cathro and his superiors, Governor Frazier and John Hagan, were approving loans of \$50,000 to Mrs. John M. Baer's uncle.

Here is the record of the six loans running to the St. Paul land speculator, as described in the records (Book No. 13 of Mortgages) in the office of the register of deeds of Golden Valley county:

No.	Name and description	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	Amount of loan.	100% assessed value.
401	D. J. McMahon, all	13	136	105	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,022.00
403	D. J. McMahon, all	3	136	105	8,500.00	9,052.00
405	D. J. McMahon, all	9	136	105	6,000.00	5,928.00
407	D. J. McMahon, all of 15-23-27; N½ SW¼, W½ SE¼, SE¼ SE¼ of Sec. 25, N½	35	136	105	6,500.00	15,562.00
563	D. J. McMahon, all 3-15-23-27; N½ SW¼, W½ SW¼, SE¼ SE¼ of 25, N½ of 35, all of Sec. 9 and	13	136	105	25,000.00	34,564.00

This group of loans is especially interesting in view of the fact that the Socialists, in pleading for the bank and power over state affairs, exhorted the farmers with the proposition that "land speculators" would be given no favors.

Here is what the industrial commission law says with respect to loans on land:

"Section 15—The Bank of North Dakota . . . may make loans to any individual, association or private corporation, secured by duly recorded first mortgages on real estate in the State of North Dakota in amounts not to exceed one-half the value of the security. . . ."

The classification act providing for 100 per cent valuation of lands for taxation purposes is well known to every land owner in the state.

Loan to "Red Flag" Defender

Another interesting loan is that made to J. I. Cahill of Grant county, league candidate for secretary of state, and sponsor of the famous declaration that "a man can be as good an American under the Red Flag as under any other flag."

Mr. Cahill received a loan of \$3,000 from the Bank of North Dakota on land assessed at only \$3,863.

Idaho League Organizer Favored

In the case of Ray McKaig, manager of the Nonpartisan league in the state of Idaho, owner of lands in Morton county, two loans are interesting.

One loan of \$3,500 was made on land that was assessed, under the 100 per cent law, at \$5,600.

Another loan, \$3,800, was made on a piece of land assessed at only \$3,593. The assessed valuation was \$207 less than the loan granted by the bank.

Mr. McKaig is not a resident of North Dakota; he is a "land speculator," as described by the Socialists, and he received both of his loans, as did Mr. Cahill and Mr. McMahon, while North Dakota farmers were being told that there were no funds with which to finance their loans.

The Golden Valley County Mortgage Deal

The McMahon lands are described by a Golden Valley county resident thoroughly familiar with them:

"I know the lands well, and to my mind they are loaned to their full value," says the Golden Valley county man. "They are some remnants from a big tract and are located from 24 to 27 miles south of Sentinel Butte, and 13 to 16 miles from the town of Golva, the nearest railroad point."

"There are no improvements on the lands except possibly 30 acres or less broken on Section 3, described, and I doubt if that many acres can be broken on all the other lands described."

"I called a prominent league's attention to the records, who lives near these lands, and he went up in the air, and the last I saw of him he had not come down yet." (Pol. Advt.)

AN IMAGINARY INTERVIEW

"Good morning, Mr. McGovern."
 "Good morning, Mr. Farmer."
 "How is the state flour mill getting along?"
 "Fine. We are making profits at the rate of about 85 percent a year on the investment."
 "Isn't that profiteering?"
 "Well it would be called that if a private miller did it."
 "And how much have you reduced the price of flour in North Dakota?"
 "Well you see that wasn't our aim."
 "Oh, you didn't plan to benefit the consumer?"
 "Not primarily."
 "Well are you selling flour as cheaply as the big Minneapolis millers own as the privately owned mills of this state?"
 "Not quite. You see, they have better facilities than we have in our little experimental mill, but when we get our big mill—"
 "Wait a minute. How much higher is the state flour, than the flour of private mills?"
 "Well you see ours is a very fine flour."
 "Is it any better than the advertised patent brands of the big Minneapolis mills?"
 "Hardly that. You probably couldn't make any better flour than that or than the patent brands made by some of our own privately owned mills in this state."
 "Then the North Dakota flour is at least no better than that?"
 "Between you and me, it is hardly as good."
 "All right, how much difference in price is there?"
 "About 85 cents per 100 pounds."
 "Yours is the cheaper?"
 "No, the privately milled flour is cheaper."
 "Then you must be paying the farmers more for their wheat and taxing the consumers for the premium?"
 "Not exactly."
 "I have here the price you paid for No. 1 hard wheat on a certain day—April 21. It is given as \$3.08. Is that correct?"
 "I don't know. It was about that."
 "On that same day the company at Bismarck paid \$3.21. Is that right?"
 "I don't know. Probably."
 "The Minneapolis quotation on that day was \$3.85."
 "That would be about right."
 "Then the farmers are getting less for their wheat and the consumers are paying more for their flour—as a result of your activities."
 "Well you see this is an experimental mill. When we get our big mill at Grand Forks—"
 "Do you pay taxes on your property?"
 "No."
 "Then the state loses the taxes it used to get from the privately owned mill?"
 "Yes."
 "Just what have you accomplished, Mr. McGovern?"
 "We have piled up a \$120,000 mortgage on a \$20,000 mill which was paid for originally by the citizens of Drake, and we have accumulated \$18,000 worth of flour sacks that are worth more than we paid for them."
 "Why didn't you shoot the whole sum speculating in flour sacks? You would have made more money, wouldn't you?"
 "Yes, but a lot of the boys would be out of good jobs."
 "That is a consideration, isn't it Mr. McGovern?"
 "It surely is."
 "Good day, Mr. McGovern."
 "Good day, Mr. Farmer."
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JURY FREES SLAYER SUSPECT
 Bismarck, N. D.—It required but seven minutes deliberation in district court here to free Maurice Meadow of New York, from the charge of murdering his brother-in-law, Moses Polonsky, a merchant of Wilton, on the night of March 22. The state's case was based on a purported deathbed declaration of Polonsky.

1,000 FILE HAIL LOSS CLAIMED
 Bismarck, N. D.—More than 1,000 claims for hail losses have been filed with the state hail insurance department, S. A. Olmstead, insurance commissioner said today. The early hail storms centered in Pembina, Bottineau, Renville, Stark and Pierce counties.

FARMER DRAGGED TO DEATH
 Braddock, N. D., an aged farmer, was dragged to death by a horse. He had tied the halter rope about his body while leading the animal when it became frightened.

McGuire's Drum Corps to be Enlarged
 At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association of Commerce Monday it was decided to endorse the plan of the enlarged McGuire Drum Corps which will become a thirty-piece organization. The Corps will be fitted out with uniforms.

BLAISDELL
 Blaisdell will have a celebration and picnic on July 3rd.
 Mrs. S. J. Brye of Minnewaukan, N. D., visited her son, John, several days last week.
 The friends of the Powell family gave them a farewell party Saturday evening.
 Miss A. Bjorkman of Wildrose, N. D., is a guest at the home of Otto Olson.
 Forrest Rice is spending some time on the ranch.
 Mike Salo, a mechanic at the Williston G. N. shops is here on business.
 Mrs. Pete Nelson was a caller at the Benson home Monday afternoon.
 Miss Belle Noss, is visiting her sister Mrs. John Dahle of Ray.

\$25.00 REWARD
 LOST—Roll of drawings in black oilcloth cover. Probably lost on Wednesday or Thursday, June 16th or 17th, between Minot and Kenmare. Owner's name on all drawings. Of no value except to owner. Forward to Sheriff at Kenmare, or Frank Vale, U. S. Immigration Office, Portal, N. Dak.

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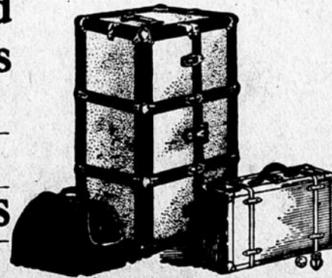
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