

STATES ATT'Y, DIST. JUDGE MAY MOVE TO COURT HOUSE

The county commissioners are planning on having the office of the district judge and the state's attorney removed to the court house in order to cut down the rent, \$2,400 annually. The county is paying for these offices. The rent of the state's attorney's office is \$50 a month and that of the district judge is \$150.00 a month. It is understood that Judge-elect Lowe is willing to occupy offices at the court house. The commissioners plan on giving the rooms occupied by the abstractors to the state's attorney. The abstractors are paying no rent for the rooms but if removed will have no

place to go as the court house is already crowded. It is said that the abstractors may be willing to pay the rent of the state's attorney's offices in order to remain at the court house. For many years the county has maintained offices for the state's attorney outside of the court house. The court house officials who occupy the court house keep their offices open from 8:30 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon. The state's attorney's down-town offices are usually open until ten or eleven o'clock at night and this is very convenient to those who wish to transact business

in the evening. If the offices are removed to the court house, the office of the state's attorney will not be open after five o'clock.

A. C. Fling Writes Letter From Florida

Starke, Fla., Dec. 14, 1920
Truax & Coleord, Minot, N. D.

Dear Friends:
I am sending you today under separate cover two home papers, with a full write-up of our great state prison farm, of which you no doubt have read but perhaps never saw as full description. As I have visited this great farm I can say this writeup is not overdrawn.

You all will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Fling's health has greatly improved since coming here, but last year I had a bad "stroke" and have not been able to do anything since; just get around the house and take care of myself.

About all I do is to write a letter of advertisement (in my crude way) for a hardware firm that I was working for before my sickness, each week for over a year. It is my own idea to get the public to read and look forward for next week. Shoot prices at them each time and it works. Sometimes I make it continued for two or three weeks. The editor has to help me out on spelling, but it helps me to pass away the time and it also helps financially to a small extent. It has helped the firm greatly.

This country is just now coming in on a big boom. Thousands of cars are coming into the state, loaded with people looking for a location out of the cold; the climate is fine. Yesterday the thermometer stood at 75. It is not near as warm here in the summer as I expected, it runs about 75 to 90 winters, averages 50 to 75.

We get a very little frost, then only one night at a time. Have seen it down to 30 two different times in the last three years but only for one night.

The country is very level; no hills around here, but several fine lakes. The land is cut over land, once was heavy pine. Plenty of timber for wood still here.

The country around here is like a frontier, has been for years. Most farms are small and farmers are "skeered" of work, but we have some good farms that are valued at several hundred dollars an acre. We do not raise as much citrus fruit here as they do farther south but we have better soil and can grow most everything.

Strawberries are the main money crop, while they grow sweet potatoes for market and sugar cane for syrup. Most every farmer has a patch that makes several barrels each season, some as many as five to ten acres. Pecan nuts also is a great crop here. Farmers are just waking up to the possibilities of this crop. They have sold for 25c to 40c, according to quality. This year we had a very light crop and most anything brings 50c.

I have set out oranges, grapefruit, Japanese persimmons, pears, plums, peaches, grapes, etc. Had some fruit this year and next year we expect to have more than we can use. Have a small patch of strawberries. Last year had more than we could use. Wish I could set a big shortcake on your desk. My! but they are fine. Big and luscious, as large as a good sized plum. Had all we could eat three times a day for four months—don't that make your mouth water?

This will be a great country as soon as we get new blood in here, men that will work and have capital to clear up the land and make improvements.

Well, I guess I have taken up too much of your time already. Just give our best wishes to your ladies. We often think of them in the Eastern Star and wish we could drop in once more.

If you can't make out what I have written just dump this in the wastebasket, if you have room.

Best wishes to both of you.
I remain, yours truly, A. C. Fling.

GET GOVERNMENT SEEDS—WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN

If those who desire free seeds will mail a card to Congressman J. H. Sinclair, Washington, D. C. not later than January 15, 1921, the seeds will be sent in time for spring planting. These are vegetable and flower, NOT field seeds. It is necessary to get the names in early as all packing and mailing is done thru the Department of Agriculture, and late requests cannot be filled. The selection of seeds are made by officials at the Department so that it is not always possible to send the particular variety

ies wanted. For that reason, simply state whether you wish flower or vegetable seeds (or both), and the kind that the Department has picked out for western North Dakota will be mailed. Be sure that both your name and address are plainly written.

SEVEN NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS BANKRUPT

Seven North Dakota farmers have been adjudged bankrupt in the United States district court for the district of North Dakota. Two of this number are Bottineau county farmers, as follows:

Ezra E. Cole, living 11 miles east of Mohall. Liabilities \$11,798, as-

sets \$7,034. Amount claimed to be exempt \$412.00.

William H. VanWeert, also living near Mohall but in this county. Liabilities \$45,455, assets \$18,252. Property claimed to be exempt \$1,157.50.

Of the other five, one is from Adams county, one from Grand Forks county, and one each from Divide, Steele and Emmons counties.

WALLACE HUNTS TAX DODGERS

Federal income tax reports will be examined to discover if any North Dakota persons reported different income to the government than they did to the state, George E. Wallace, state

tax commissioner, said today.

"The federal law permits states which have income tax laws to examine the returns of persons for the federal tax," said Mr. Wallace, "and I am going to check up the income taxpayers of North Dakota."

Officers located two whiskey stills, one with 80 gallons capacity and the other with 50 gallons, on a farm owned by a brother of Lyman Brokaw, 8 miles east of Williston. Lyman Brokaw who was arrested, had a .41 Colts revolver and he is now serving 30 days for carrying concealed weapons. Later he will be charged with operating a still. A 55-gallon barrel, full of new whiskey, was found.

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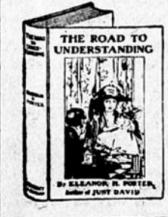
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