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PRESIDENT McVEY DELIVERS ADDRESS

NOTED EDUCATOR GIVES VIEWS REGARDING UPBUILDING OF A NORTH DAKOTA CITY.

HE PRESENTS MANY VIEWS

HEAD OF STATE UNIVERSITY BE- LIEVES IN PUBLICITY OF AD- VANTAGES OF THE TOWN.

Franklin McVey, president of the State University of North Dakota, delivered a splendid address at the court house last evening on "The Upbuilding of a City." His remarks were the result of many years of study and research along economic lines and the resume of his speech published below is well worth the study of the supporters of the Commercial Club.

Mr. McVey said in part: "The slogan of to-day is 'now Your City.' This has been borne out in three notable examples, that of Boston, Los Angeles and Pittsburgh. In 1915 Boston proposes to hold an exposition that will show just what is necessary to make Boston the best city in the world. Los Angeles, with true western spirit, expects to accomplish this result while Boston is talking about it. Pittsburgh, under the sting of the results of the 'Pittsburgh Survey,' is facing her difficulties in a new spirit.

The modern way of looking at your city is not from the point of view of its best points, but rather what are the conditions? Not how many trains pass through it in twenty-four hours, or how much wheat is shipped, or how large the bank clearings are, but rather what good features in the way of lakes, arrangement and beauty of streets, as well as what dark places are to be found and what causes them. The problems of locating cities in America has been determined in very large degree by chance, and under the pressure of materialism little attention has been paid to the artistic and worth while. In America, too, we have developed the checkerboard system of planning cities. This has the one advantage of utilizing area, but on these broad prairies of ours that is the last problem that we have to face. In Washington as well as in Paris, we see the diagonal system of developing streets, with large, open spaces at the meeting of the diagonals. A third system is found in Vienna, which is known as the ring system of street arrangement, but the best system is undoubtedly a combination of the diagonal and the ring.

The attitude which a people take toward the growth of their city is distinctly important. If the whole purpose of a community is individualistic, and every man is going it by himself, with the intention of making money out of his community rather than anything else, the development is spasmodic and erratic. To insure a proper growth there ought to be a plan in which all the elements in the community are taken into consideration, such as a place for recreation, play-grounds for the children, beautiful streets and open spaces, all of which can be had if we plan far enough in the future. When we have really established a clear conception of the growth of a town as a community project, we will be in a position to make progress in this direction.

Fundamentally, there are a number of elements which go to make a city. The first of these is Health, the second Schools, the third Amusements, and the fourth Morals. Health is put first because it is the thing upon which progress depends, and yet comparatively little attention is given to sewage, good water, and the sanitary conditions of public and private buildings, until they are forced upon us by epidemics. A city of the size of Devils Lake should have developed a method of garbage disposal and sewage disposal. In its public schools the ventilation of the buildings should be the first desideratum, and this should be followed as soon as public opinion will permit it by a system of the medical inspection of school children.

Without question the most important thing which a community does is to educate its children, and this means the establishment of a school system. The Board of Education ought to consist of intelligent business men, who are entirely free from prejudice and political entanglements. They should place upon the Superintendent of Schools full responsibility, make him select his teachers and hold him responsible for the most satisfactory results that can be obtained. When it is realized that modern life is taking away from the children many of the things that they used to have under the pioneer scheme of life and the effect that this absence of important elements in training has upon them, the School Board will establish systems of manual training and of

domestic Science at the earliest opportunity. It will, too, if it has a large view of what the school stands for, make it more and more a social center, where lectures can be given and entertainments held for the benefit of the community.

In these northern climates, where we are shut in for long hours, amusements come to occupy an increasingly important place. The long distances from centers of population make it expensive and difficult to secure important lecturers. The community, therefore, is compelled to rely largely upon itself. There is no reason why we should not all have a larger intellectual life, more amusements through the use of University Extension lectures, the establishment of local theatricals, and the organization of a study club.

I turn now to another element in the life of the community, which, for the lack of a better term, is called the moral element. Every community is known by its standards of living and by its attitude toward the enforcement of law. The protection of the young from questionable entertainments is highly important to the welfare and future of the community. It makes the problem of police enforcement and the maintenance of the general tone of the community much easier where it recognizes its responsibility in the fullest sense.

Finally, when we come to the question of what we can do immediately in the development of our city, there is much that can be brought to our attention, such as the beautifying of yards and lawns under private initiative, through the offering of prizes by the commercial club, and the establishment of leagues and organizations that will stimulate action in various directions; the maintenance of a Boys' Scout Brigade in the community, where young people are directed toward useful and worthy things; and above all, a clear recognition of the fact that no community can be built up unless we are loyal to it and really recognize that we are a part of it. The great bane of North Dakota is the fact that people do not live here with the determination of staying, and consequently many of them do not identify themselves with the community as they should.

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WILL ARGUE MOTION

ATTORNEYS IN CASE AGAINST AT- TORNEY SLAVINS TO ARGUE BEFORE JUDGE COWAN.

States Attorney Chas. Donnelly and Attorney D. J. O'Connell, both of Tower, were in the city Wednesday on their way to Canada, where they will argue a motion for a new trial in the case against W. E. Slavins, the Granville attorney who was convicted of rape and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. An application was made to the Board of Pardons in December but was turned down on the ground that the year in which the appeal could be taken had not expired. Slavins was sentenced on Jan. 28th, 1909, and started serving his time. Mr. O'Connell represents the defendant and has the signatures of the father of the injured girl with those of a large number of the jurors asking for Slavins' release, but the proper legal steps must first be perfected. The pardon board sits in June and the Supreme Court will be given an opportunity to pass on the case by that time.

TO START ROAD

MINOT COMMERCIAL CLUB HAS NEW IDEA TO WORK ON DUE- RING COMING YEAR.

Minot, N. D., Jan. 9.—The Minot Commercial Club, which originated the idea of establishing a highway across the state from the Montana to the Minnesota line, for the use particularly of automobile tourists, has decided to feature its construction as one of its main 1911 objects, and is ready to take up active preliminary work. Committees will be named to interest the towns and farmers, and if they meet with the success they hope for, the road building will begin with the first signs of spring. It is proposed to start the road at Mondak on the western boundary and terminate it at Fargo on the east.

THE COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS STRENUOUS YEAR

Enthusiasm Is Rife at Annual Election of Officers in the Commercial Club Tuesday Night

SALIENT POINTS OF MR. HORTON'S ADDRESS

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

A division of effort into "Boards" to take the place of separate organizations found necessary in large cities, seems essential as the work is to be diversified to be successfully accomplished otherwise.

The Boards suggested were as follows:

PUBLICITY BOARD:

Placing of pamphlets advertising the city and district on all trains. Calling attention to a grain pavilion which should be erected at the depot—Supervision of all correspondence to city papers—Systematic diffusion of live news from here—Straight out advertising of the city and district.

BUSINESS AND RAILWAY BOARD:

Securing of new enterprises—Improvement of those here—General business improvement—Municipal enterprises, jobbing houses, etc.—Lower express rates—Jobbing rates—Securing Dunseith and Sarles lines (having the trains run in and out of here)—General railroad matters.

PARK BOARD:

Purpose, to co-operate with present city park board. Better streets, lawns, setting out trees, encouraging private owners to do so—securing better water supply—street lights—boulevarding road to Chautauqua, garden of flowers at depot, etc., as at Jamestown.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT BOARD:

(Could be consolidated with Park Board)

Securing good musical attractions—educational, artistic, etc., to compete with Grand Forks, Valley City and Jamestown. Maintenance of the best band in the state—Better plays—Architecture, etc.

CONVENTION BOARD:

Securing conventions of all kinds at all times—Make Devils Lake the "Convention City" of the state—New auditorium similar to new one in Grand Forks for auto shows—Great musical events, etc.—No proper place for conventions here at present—Entertainment of all such organizations and of visitors to the city.

REAL ESTATE BOARD:

10,000 Club—Boosting real estate values—Erecting pavilion similar as at Williston at depot—Securing immigration movement—Special attention to county and district fairs, farmers conventions, etc.—GOOD ROADS; project of highways radiating from city. Recognition of the undoubted coming of the auto truck and more general automobile transportation.

CO-OPERATION AND GET TOGETHER SPIRIT AT ALL TIMES.

Prospects for the success of the Commercial Club never looked brighter than on Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the members for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The meeting was attended by over sixty of the business men of the city, all of them enthusiastic and all agreed to support any action which would result in the betterment of Devils Lake.

President Kerlin briefly outlined the work that had been done during the past year and made several valuable suggestions for the future. Mr. Kerlin has made an excellent president and received the thanks of the Club for his untiring efforts in behalf of the city.

The members then proceeded to ballot, electing W. W. Horton as president by a unanimous vote, Steve Jones was made Vice President in the same manner, Allie Haig Treasurer, M. J. Cowley was unanimously reelected Secretary and the following were selected as directors: A. H. Bell, John Haslem, and W. H. Reid.

The selection of the officers could not be improved upon and the business men of the city have already signified their intentions of standing solidly behind the president and his board.

Following the election Pres. Horton was called upon for a few remarks. His talk was interesting, well delivered and full of meaty thoughts regarding the plans for the coming year. Mr. Horton believes in dividing the work to be done and assigning it to the different Boards. A brief resume of his ideas are contained above.

Mr. Horton complimented the three papers in the city and pointed out the value of a newspaper that boosted to the community. "Get together" was the keynote of all of Pres. Horton's ideas and there is little doubt but what the spirit is catching and there will be a speedy healing of existing breaches.

Following Mr. Horton, the meeting was thrown open for general discussion. Mr. Kelly spoke of the necessity of action with regard to the lake's supply of water. He suggested that an effort be made to secure the surplus water from the Mouse river and divert it into the lake. This would be rather expensive but would mean much to the people of this community.

The Chautauqua was taken up and thoroughly discussed and the various ideas advanced all tended to show the interest that Devils Lake people take in the annual event. Transportation facilities, modes of entertainment and financial backing were all brought up.

Taken all in all the meeting was one full of action and will be prolific of results in the near future, from the manner in which the officers are already taking hold. The Board of Directors meet on Friday evening and will start on the plans for the year.

The World extends its thanks on behalf of the citizens to the outgoing president and board of directors. Their work has been energetic and always

for the best interests of the town and the lack of material results cannot be laid at their door but rather be blamed to the lack of cooperation among the members.

The World also welcomes the new officers and assures them of its hearty support in any movement that is for the advancement of the city or county.

PEOPLE WATCHING FOR NEW BOOK

SENATOR HANSBROUGH'S NEW BOOK IS WATCHED FOR WITH INTEREST

The following from the editorial columns of the Grand Forks Times will be of interest to Devils Lake people who have been informed regarding the contents of the book written by Sen. H. C. Hansbrough and soon to appear in print:

Something of a sensation in the book world is promised in the forthcoming volume entitled "The Second Amendment," written by former United States Senator H. C. Hansbrough of this state, and which is almost ready

for the press. Those who have read the manuscript and are competent to judge, assert that it will be the most startling book written in many years. Not that the text possesses anything that is yellow or lurid but because of the stupendous problems of state which have been woven around the story of love and woman's fidelity that is heart gripping in its intensity.

The scenes are laid in the United States senate where for eighteen years the author was an active and influential member. The story hinges on the love affair of a brilliant young senator and a woman whose position in life makes her the leader of society as he is destined to be a leader of men. Love and law making are so bleuded that the one becomes the helpmeet of the other and neither lags in interest.

The book as a whole will show some of the inside features of law making, the influences that control the powers against which men in public life are forced to fight and the methods by which resort is had in order that men who seek to do things may be silenced, are all graphically portrayed.

The style is not only fascinating because of the purity of its English, but the action is that indescribable kind which holds the mind intent upon the theme while it sweeps on from one rounded period to another.

While many of the characters could be pointed out in real life by the student of politics, they are so drawn that they fit the class rather than the individual and are treated with the honest and fairness of the student of public affairs rather than of the caustic critic of public men and public affairs.

The leading publishers are bidding for the book and assure the author that it will not only be a lasting piece of literature but that it will have a tremendous sale.

MODIFY DECISION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE DEPARTMENT MODIFIES PROOF REQUIREMENTS

An important ruling has recently been received at the local land office modifying the decision of the department relative to commutation proofs.

In the case of Esberne K. Muller the Department held that Commutation proof could be allowed only upon a showing of substantially continuous personal presence upon the land for a period of fourteen months next preceding the submission of proof; and residence prior to a period of absence under leave of absence granted the entryman could not be added to residence subsequent to that period to make up the necessary fourteen months. (39 L. D. 72.)

This ruling has been modified in the case of Sherman Shouse (39 L. D. 360) in which it is held that two periods of bona fide residence, separated by a leave of absence regularly procured, without travel, may be added together to make up the necessary fourteen months as a basis for commutation.

Copies of the new rules of practice which go into effect on Feb. 1, 1911, may be had at the local land office.

In City Banks.

Two North Dakota men have recently been selected for important positions in Minneapolis banks. W. M. Moon, paying teller of the Northwestern National Bank for the past five years and recently promoted to Assistant Cashier was at Lakota, N. D., for one year. A. L. Arnold, the newly elected cashier of the Minneapolis State Bank, came from Beach, N. D.

Cigar Man Here.

F. R. Peterson, representing G. Pflaum & Sons, cigar manufacturers of Minneapolis, was in the city last evening and presented the force at The World office with a box of Baron Humbugs. Turner's News Stand has taken the agency of the Baron Humbugs and Pvcigars for this city. The World is smoking Baron Humbugs this week.

Accepts Position.

Miss Jean Traynor of Grand Forks, a sister of Hon. Fred Traynor of with important work in the house two years ago, when he was a delegate from Ramsey county arrived in the city Tuesday and commenced work as stenographer in the senate. — Bismarck notes in Grand Forks Times.

Returns Home.

Mrs. John Gill, who has been in the local hospital for some time, left today for her home at Penn.

TO USE TELEPHONES

WESTERN UNION REDEAVORING TO GET AID FROM TELE- PHONE COMPANIES.

Arrangements are fast being completed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, working with the Northwestern Telephone company, to have fifteen or twenty telephone-telegraph zone offices ready Jan. 15. The system has not yet been fully worked out, but the officials of the telegraph company are hopeful of success.

For instance, if a person in Devils Lake desired to get into communication with some of the towns in which the telegraph office closes during the early hours of the evening, the message will be transmitted to the nearest point and from there conveyed by telephone.

Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Iowa, northern Michigan and northern Wisconsin will be included in the zone. Night operators will be maintained in these zone offices. In several telegraph offices, telephones are yet to be installed to make the service effective. At points where the telegraph company works with a railroad, and the operator leaves at 6 p. m., an independent night service will be put in.

WILL ENTER MATCH

COMPANY M TO COMPETE WITH NATIONAL RIFLE TEAMS IN FIVE WEEKS SHOOT.

The indoor range equipment furnished by the state for the militia companies has arrived in Devils Lake and will be installed in the armory as rapidly as possible.

Company M has decided to enter the National Indoor Rifle Shoot, which starts on Feb. 25th and lasts for five weeks. Each company shoots one range a week, packing the targets and sending them to headquarters for examination. Five ranges are to be shot and the local marksmen are keenly interested in the contest.

AUTOMOBILE CASE

HANDED DOWN IMPORTANT DECISION AFFECTING USE OF MOTORS HAS BEEN RENDERED BY COURT.

Word was received in the city late yesterday afternoon of an important decision by the United States Circuit Court in the case brought against the manufacturers of the Ford, Vellie and Moline automobiles, claiming infringement on the Selden patent. For several years these manufacturers have been depositing a large sum of money to cover the royalties claimed by the inventor and the decision has been watched with no little interest among the automobile men.

The court in its decision decides that the Auto Motor used by the three cars is not an infringement on the Selden patent and allows them to continue its use.

The effect of the decision on automobile prices will be watched with unconcealed interest.

DECISIONS MADE IN LAND CASES

LAND OFFICE HANDS DOWN IM- PORTANT DECISIONS IN RE- CENT CONTEST CASES.

MANY ENTRIES CANCELLED

GOVERNMENT SEEKS IN MANY CASES TO TAKE AWAY LAND FROM FRAUDULENT ENTRY

The records of the proceedings in a number of important contest cases are now before the local land office for final action and decision. In several of these cases the government seeks the cancellation of the entries involved and the decisions will undoubtedly be watched with interest. Cases upon which the office has recently rendered decisions are as follows:

Ole O. Moen vs. John Ell—Dismissal of proceedings recommended.
Charlie A. Hamilton vs. Herbert J. Berdahl—Cancellation of the entry recommended.
A. H. Wiltse vs. Cornelius Astman—Dismissal of the proceedings recommended.
Hans Olson vs. Alvin A. Tomlinson—Dismissal of the proceedings recommended.

Elizabeth Rosencrans vs. Stefan Abel—Cancellation recommended.
Esther J. Leader vs. Fred W. Leader—Cancellation recommended.

Howard G. Schmid vs. William E. Londre—Cancellation recommended.
Mike Boudarantec vs. Aron Speckle—Cancellation recommended.

Alecie Miller vs. Elizabeth Neigel—Cancellation recommended.
John Hanes vs. Alfred T. Nelson—Cancellation recommended.
Albert Weber vs. Gilbert O. Watts—Cancellation recommended.

H. W. Arnold vs. Susie Schmitz—Dismissal recommended.
Peter Morett vs. Joseph Martwin—Remanded for further hearing.

Albert Weber vs. Catherine Heffner—Remanded for further hearing.
Albert Thompson vs. Mary Donovan—Dismissal recommended.

Henry Mollet vs. Charles A. Wicks—Cancellation recommended.
United States vs. Anna E. Stavert—Remanded for further hearing.

United States vs. Oliver Wilson—Remanded for further hearing.
United States vs. William H. Cross—Dismissal recommended.

Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook and Mrs. Arthur Holbrook are expecting to leave tomorrow for their new home in Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Holbrook has for a number of years been one of the progressive business men of the town, and his departure will be deeply regretted. Mrs. Holbrook and daughter-in-law have been prominent in social circles in Devils Lake and will be sadly missed.

Arthur Andrei, who was arrested for a violation of the prohibition law, was bound over to the district court as a result of the hearing held before Justice Juergens Monday and bonds of \$500 were produced.

BANKS HELD THEIR REGULAR MEETING

DEVILS LAKE FINANCIAL INSTI- TUTIONS HOLD ANNUAL ELEC- TION OF OFFICERS

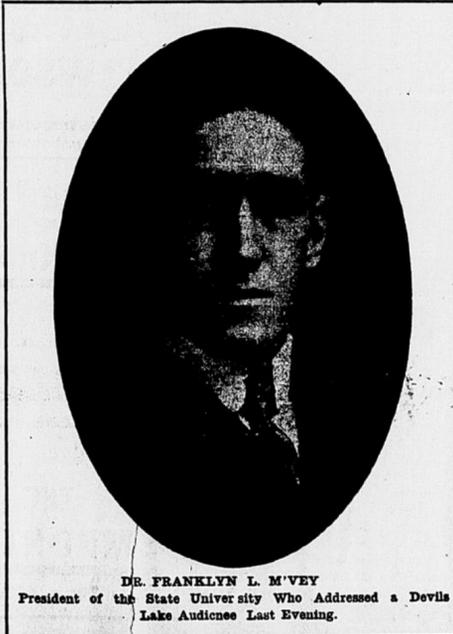
The national banks of the city held their annual election last Tuesday, as prescribed by law, though no change was made in the personnel of the board in either bank.

The Ramsey County National Bank reelected C. M. Fisher, Pres.; E. J. Chamberlain, Vice Pres.; B. Fisher, Cashier and A. V. Haig, Assistant Cashier. Clark W. Kelly is the other member of the board of directors. The statement which was called for the 7th was highly flattering and is given in full in another column.

The First National Bank elected H. E. Baird, Pres.; R. J. Drake, Cashier, Miss N. J. Haley, Assistant Cashier. The other members of the board are Jos. Kelly, W. J. Samuel, Rasmus Sorncanson and L. D. Maurer.

Devils Lake is to be congratulated on its banks, which are conducted by conservative business men who have ever been found backing the best interests of the city.

B. J. Ness entertained at a stag dinner last evening in honor of his brother-in-law, Monte Thordahl, of Mankato. A swan shot during the hunting season proved the piece de resistance. The guests were John Haslem, R. V. Bice, H. Z. Mitchell, B. J. Ness and Monte Thordahl.



DR. FRANKLYN L. McVEY
President of the State University who Addressed a Devils
Lake Audience Last Evening.