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COMMERCIAL CLUB TO GIVE BANQUET

"GET TOGETHER" BANQUET TO BE GIVEN BY COMMERCIAL CLUB TUESDAY.

CLUB WORK TO BE DISCUSSED

MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED FOR IDEAS REGARDING THE BOOSTING CAMPAIGN.

The first Commercial Club meeting under the new officers elected last week will take place on next Tuesday evening at 7:30 when, at the Seville hotel, Devils Lake's first "Get Together" banquet will be given.

All members of the club are invited and a cordial invitation is extended to the press and clergy of the city, whether members of the club or not. A charge of \$1 per plate is to be made.

Plans for the coming year are to be thoroughly discussed and the officers are anxious that a full attendance is present.

In addition to talks by the officers of the club and suggestions by its members, F. P. Mann will speak on "Good Roads—their Value to Devils Lake and This District," and H. Z. Mitchell of The World will give a short talk on "Publicity, its Value to Devils Lake."

The entertainment is in the hands of A. R. Reade, W. R. Reid and S. C. Jones and this part of the program will be an assured success.

This innovation in the work of the club has been welcomed by the members and if a success will be followed in the near future by other social sessions of a like character.

MANY CASES HELD FOR CANCELLATION

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE MAKES IMPORTANT DECISIONS DURING WEEK.

Decisions were rendered by the local land office this week in the following cases:

United States vs. John Slama, D. C. Donovan, transferee; Union Central Life Insurance company, mortgagees, held for dismissal.

United States vs. Susan A. Fiestal, held for cancellation.

United States vs. Theodore Hooker, held for cancellation.

Thorin H. Thoreson vs. Mike Gidd, held for cancellation.

Thorin H. Thoreson vs. Heirs of Maria Guldner, held for cancellation.

Oscar O. Gunnerud vs. John Emel, held for cancellation.

Henrich Bitz vs. Herman Hanson, held for cancellation.

Alexander Fisher vs. Edward R. Percival, held for cancellation.

G. L. BICKFORD UNDER ARREST

WARRANT CHARGES EMBEZZLEMENT AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 18.—G. L. Bickford, for two years treasurer of the state of North Dakota, was arrested late this afternoon upon a warrant issued upon complaint charging embezzlement and misappropriation of state funds to the amount of \$60,000. The first warrant which was issued at 11 o'clock in the morning, was served at 2:15 in the corridors of the state capitol, just as Bickford was going down the stairs leading from the lobby between the house and the senate chambers to the main floor of the building. The warrant was served by Sheriff Barnes of Burleigh county and had been issued by Justice to the Peace J. E. Perry upon a complaint sworn to by State's Attorney Smith of Burleigh county.

The arrest did not seem to come as a surprise to Bickford and he made no comment or resistance. He was taken to a local hotel where he was to remain until his hearing was held.

Second Warrant Issued. In the meantime another warrant had been issued on a complaint made by Andrew Miller, attorney general of North Dakota. Action was secured on the second warrant before it was on the first. Bickford was summoned to

appear in the office of the attorney general in the capitol building where Justice Pierce held court. Bickford appeared the least concerned of any of the little group assembled in the office of the attorney general. There was one present at the hearing aside from Bickford, the judge, a couple of newspaper men and the employees of the attorney general's office. Bickford, when asked as to what was his desire as to the preliminary disposition of the case, asked what was best for him to do and appeared entirely ignorant of what procedure was necessary. After considerable thought he stated that he would like to have the case continued until Thursday at 2 o'clock when he would appear with his attorney and be ready for the hearing.

Admitted to Bail.

He was allowed to leave the room to secure bail, which was placed at \$10,000. The hearing on the first warrant was had at 5 o'clock before Judge Perry and practically the same procedure was gone through with as in the first hearing, except that Bickford asked until Saturday at 2 o'clock to make an appearance. His bonds were placed in this case at \$10,000.

The following bondsmen were secured for both cases: Henry Tatley, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel; F. O. Hellstrom, warden of the state penitentiary; W. H. Mann, railroad commissioner; John A. Johnson, a farmer of Washburn; John Yegan, merchant; Bismarck; S. W. Bond, retired real estate dealer and banker of Minot.

Friends Stand By Him.

Bickford has many influential friends who will stand by him to the last ditch.

The story of Bickford's trouble, or alleged trouble, has been current gossip for the past several months, but as it was started during the heat of the primary campaign little attention was paid to it until it came to turning the office over to his successor, when it was found that there were securities to the amount of \$60,000 which could not be realized upon. The claim is freely made that Bickford has taken the money and loaned it out where he cannot call it in at short notice.

Is Political Deal.

Friends of his have been busy for the past few days trying to raise the money and it was stated upon the best of authority that most of it was in the city in cold cash last night and the rest of it was expected here tonight.

Friends of Bickford and the former treasurer himself stated tonight that the entire matter was a political deal and that matters were brought to a head tonight because it was known that the money would be replaced tonight and there would be more trouble in making an apparent case if there was no monetary side to the question.

On the other hand those who have been back of the investigation into the affairs of the state treasurer's office insist that even if the money is replaced there is a charge of misappropriation of funds that makes the ex-treasurer criminally liable.

A Godsend.

Rev. A. E. Clattenburg, of Devils Lake conducted English services in the school house last evening. The sermon delivered was highly instructive as well as interesting, especially to the younger element of people. With no Sunday school in town and children in our midst growing up religiously ignorant, it would be a Godsend if lectures along this line were given in Warwick more frequently.—Warwick Sentinel.

A Credit to the Town.

One of the neatest hotels for its size in this section of the country is the Hotel Western, which was recently completed and opened for business at Devils Lake. Under the management of Jos. Foubert and S. C. Jones, both old timers of this county, and two fellows who are ever on the alert to see that their guests have the best of care and attention. Mr. Foubert is an old restaurant man and one who well knows how to serve the hungry public. Everything from basement to attic is unscrupulously clean. This hotel is certainly deserving of a big trade and we predict a bright future for it under the present management.—Edmore Herald-News.

LODGE A COMPLAINT

LOCAL CARPENTERS COMPLAIN TO COMMERCIAL CLUB REGARDING BUILDING.

Claiming that the residents of Devils Lake have not patronized home industries as they should the carpenters of this city have presented a written protest to the local Commercial Club, asking for an investigation. It is the contention of the local union that there has been too much building that should have been awarded to contractors in this city that has been given to outside firms. The Commercial Club postponed action until a later date.

PLAN PROGRAM FOR THE CONVENTIONS

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE HARDWARE DEALERS' MEETING.

WILL FURNISH ENTERTAINMENT

INTERESTING PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN FOR THE DELEGATES TO CONVENTION.

On February 8th, the second day of the meeting of the Hardware dealers of the state, the Devils Lake Commercial Club will play the role of hosts to the visitors. The business sessions and displays will undoubtedly occupy the time of the delegates during the remaining two days and the committee in charge have selected the evening of the 8th for a social session.

The delegates will assemble in the opera house on that night at eight o'clock, where for half an hour they will be entertained by the local musical talent of which the city is naturally proud. This will be followed by an address by one of the citizens and the visitors will then be treated to the vaudeville performance in which many local hits will be interpolated. At the close of the performance the visitors will be taken to the club rooms, where a smoker, followed by a light lunch, will be held.

The official program has not been received as yet in Devils Lake but the committee in charge promise some interesting papers and discussions.

For the implement dealers who start their session on Feb. 1st the program is equally as good. All of the program has not yet been completed but among the speakers will be C. M. Johnson, of Rush City, Minn., who will speak on "Cost Education," President Worst of the Agricultural College and one of the most interesting speakers in the state, and Gov. Burke, if he can arrange to be present.

According to the plan of Mr. Russell, who has charge of the convention, the business sessions will be held only in the afternoon, leaving the morning and evening for the display and inspection of the exhibits which will be complete in every detail. The exhibits will be displayed in the skating rink for the main part, with the exception of part of the heavier machinery, which will be placed in the Haley and Hyland building.

Devils Lake citizens should do all in their power to assist the committees in the proper reception of the visitors.

REPORT OF BOARD IS INTERESTING

BIENNIAL REPORT OF GAME AND FISH BOARD IS CREDITABLE PUBLICATION.

The biennial report of the state game and fish board of control is just off the presses, according to the Grand Forks Herald and the first consignment was sent to Bismarck yesterday.

This is not only the first report of the board under the new law, but it is the first extensive report made on game conditions generally in the state and is a decided credit to the board both as to matter and form. The cover of the book shows North Dakota's great game bird, the prairie chicken, in natural colors, and the specimen from which the picture was taken is an especially fine one. The book contains an even hundred pages of reading matter and cuts attractively arranged. The cuts show the different game birds of the state and hunting and fishing scenes. There is a complete report of the game and fish board and tables giving other statistical information of interest. The report embodies the report of the board by Secretary D. L. Armstrong, the recommendations of the board, the report of State Fish Commissioner Capt. Main and the report of the biological condition of water in the western part of the state by Prof. Branon of the university.

The recommendations of the board will be of special interest. For the most part the game and fish law is commended. Recommendation, however, is made that there be a closed season for deer in the state or that no hunter shall shoot more than two antlered deer. The board believes that by requiring that only antlered deer can be shot, the annual string of hunting accidents can be at least to a considerable extent, avoided.

Recommendations Made.

Further recommendation is made that the trapping and fishing licenses be issued separately. It is recom-

mended that the fostering of game preserves in the state be promoted by allowing farmers who see fit, to unite and form a game preserve. The requirement would be that they must in fact conduct a game preserve. To the farmers thus engaged there would be the incentive of always having game, of a longer hunting season and of being able to market the game. The preserve would be a benefit to the country around and the result of the proper preservation of game would be that the entire country around would be well stocked in a comparatively few years. The board declares that the ash hatchery has proven that it will become a valuable adjunct to the game assets of the state and recommendations are made. Captain Main's report shows that the fish hatchery has been instrumental in stocking many lakes all over the state with fish. The report also shows that the experiments that have been conducted so far with pheasants have proven quite successful and the work of stocking certain districts of the state with this splendid game bird will be continued.

Introduction.

The report is submitted to Governor Burke with the following introduction: In making this, our first report under the present game and fish law of the state of North Dakota, the members of the state game and fish board wish to make it plain that in the main they heartily endorse the present law as one that has many strong features to recommend it, one that has given good results and has been found an improvement over former statutes. It was to be expected from the manner in which the present statutes were made—by taking parts of two bills and putting them together during the closing days of the legislative session—that minor defects, at least, would be discovered when an attempt was made to enforce the law. Some of these flaws have caused some difficulty and have left some matters in doubt, and for that reason we will in another part of this report suggest some minor changes in the law as well as a few suggested additions hereto that may furnish food for thought and action on the part of the legislative bodies.

As stated, the present law, though by no means ideal, is a long step forward in the movement to conserve our game resources, and we are glad to be able to report that the work of the board and its efficient force of wardens throughout the state, under the provisions of the law, has been such as to be a source of gratification and pride, not only to the board, but to every law-abiding, game-loving resident of the state. Although it must necessarily be true that the present board has but made a beginning in the great work of conserving the future generations and for the pleasure and benefit of the present, the game and fish of our state, still we feel that in our report to the people of the state, through its governor, we have no reason to feel ashamed.

And while much of the credit for the good work accomplished must necessarily redound to the carefully chosen and painstaking wardens who did the work in the field, it is only proper and just that we give due credit where credit belongs and render the heartfelt thanks to this board to the law abiding citizens of this state first for the sentiment that was responsible for the creation of the present laws, and secondly for great assistance in their enforcement. The good citizenship of our state has never been better shown than in the way the great majority has obeyed the game laws and loyally supported those charged with their enforcement.

A special debt of gratitude is due to the newspapers of the state for the very important part that they played in making the present game laws a reality and the work of the board under its provisions successful to the extent that it has been a success. The editors of North Dakota have done a great work in this connection, as they have in so many others, by giving freely of their space to the publication of the provisions of the law, by urging sportsmanlike restraint on the part of the people, and in giving wide publicity to the arrest of the violators of the law and penalties imposed for law breaking. We fully appreciate what we owe to such support, and we believe an expression of our gratitude has a proper place in this report.

Big Masquerade.

Varied costumes of gay hue gave the skating rink Wednesday evening a halloiscope appearance and the guests enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree. The judges awarded prizes as follows: Miss Marie Vance, best ladies costume and Mr. Austin Levitt best gentleman's costume, Miss Gertrude Crawford and Tom Kelly received prizes for having the best comic costumes.

To Be Judge.

Rev. A. E. Clattenburg has been requested to act as judge in the declamatory contest at Church's Ferry this evening and has consented to serve. He will return tomorrow.

To Attend Lodge.

A number of the Devils Lake Elks are planning to attend the meeting of the Grand Forks lodge tomorrow evening and help boost for the big institution on the 25th of next month.

The Church's Ferry Sun entered upon its 24th year last week. Brother Chambers is issuing one of the best weekly papers in the county and The World takes pride in revolving around so worthy a publication as The Sun.

The World is growing better.

SOO LINE MEANS DEVELOPMENT OF DEVILS LAKE AND COUNTY

CARNATION DAY

American People Will Honor Memory of Martyred President This Month.

The carnation league is sending out the annual circular letter, asking everyone to wear a carnation on McKinley Day, Jan. 29.

This circular in part reads as follows: "The life character and services of William McKinley will never pass from the memory of the people. In his death the nation suffered the loss of a man beloved by all. The people cannot have too many days to show their appreciation of such men as this martyred president. The thoughtful observance of each anniversary tends to keep the patriotism of the people to its highest pitch and we may be sure that were the soul of William McKinley to look down at the world he would be proud of the nation in the hearts of his fellow beings."

COMPARATIVE REPORT

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE AND LABOR GIVES NEW FIGURES

The following report is the first complete comparative report issued regarding the population of the state by counties and has been compiled in the office of the commissioner of agriculture and labor. It contains the population of all the new counties, the figures being based on reported school population and is probably the only authentic report that will be made before the next state census.

County	1910	1909
Adams	5,407	
Barnes	18,066	13,159
Benson	12,681	8,320
Billings	10,186	9,775
Bottineau	17,295	7,532
Bowman	4,668	
Burke	8,884	
Burlingame	13,087	6,081
Cass	33,935	28,625
Canadian	15,679	12,580
Dickey	9,830	6,061
Dunn	5,302	
Eddy	4,800	3,330
Emmons	9,839	4,349
Poster	5,313	3,770
Grand Forks	27,988	24,459
Griggs	6,274	4,744
Hettinger	6,557	1,754
Kidder	5,962	1,754
LaMoure	10,724	6,048
Logan	6,168	1,625
McHenry	17,627	5,253
McIntosh	7,251	4,818
McKenzie	5,270	
McLean	14,578	4,791
Mercer	4,665	1,775
Monrath	8,491	
Morton	25,289	8,069
Neison	10,140	7,316
Oliver	3,777	990
Pembina	14,749	17,869
Pierce	9,740	4,765
Ramsey	15,199	9,198
Ransom	10,345	6,919
Reynolds	3,060	
Richland	19,659	17,387
Rolette	9,558	7,995
Sargent	9,202	6,039
Sheridan	8,103	
Sterk	12,504	7,621
Steele	7,616	5,893
Stutsman	18,189	9,143
Towner	8,963	6,491
Trail	12,545	13,107
Walsh	19,491	20,288
Ward	25,241	7,961
Wells	11,814	8,310
Williams	14,135	1,530
Divide	6,114	
Unorganized		2,208
Total	577,056	319,146
Increase 1900 to 1910	80.8	per cent.

MARRIED MEN WINNERS

Benedicts Defeat Single Men at Bowling Alleys Friday Evening—Other Matches Soon.

The Married men defeated the Singles last Friday evening at the Empire Alleys in one of the best contests of the season. J. Anderson and F. Murphy tied for high score, both rolling 208.

The score follows:

Married Men:	Score
W. A. Hamilton	138 189 134
O. Holmes	144 206 147
Geo. Chaffer	163 157 158
E. Severn	148 160 159
J. Anderson	149 208 193
Total	742 920 791

Single Men:

R. Faust	141 128 190
A. Hinek	148 110 97
J. Peterson	137 159 176
I. Goldberg	170 135 170
F. Murphy	149 208 193

Total 745 794 826
Married Men 2453; Singles 2365.
Married men, majority 88 pins.

Audubon Club Meets.

A meeting of the Junior Audubon Club, held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Falger on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 14. Twenty seven members were present and the following program was rendered:

Audubon and the Birds—Wilhelmina Eich.

Edible Birds' Nest—Leopold Chroistri Seat, Cats—Marie Locke.

Music, Spirit Love—Mrs. William Falger.

Observations of a "Shut-in"—Dorothy Godward.

Valuable Birds—Heermann Naugel.

There is a Purpose in Creation—Catherine Dodge.

Music, America—Audubon Club.

A Repentant Hunter—Elizabeth Dodge.

A Highway for Birds—Frank Adams.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Falger on Saturday afternoon, January 28th, at 3:00 p. m.

WEATHER REPORT OUT

C. E. NORQUIST ISSUES HIS WEEKLY REPORT OF DEVILS LAKE

WEATHER.

Twenty-eight degrees below was the coldest day according to the weather report issued today and Saturday and Sunday tie on this record. Wednesday is reported as the warmest day, the thermometer being 15 degrees above zero.

Though Saturday and Sunday held the record it was not as uniformly chilly as on Thursday and Friday when the weather ranged but nine degrees.

Mr. H. H. Hanlon, adjustor for the National Home Insurance company, was in the city yesterday adjusting the Eudell Bros. loss.

You will not be so nervous when you hear the shriek of the fire whistle if you are adequately insured with Powell, who only sells "insurance that insures."

Powell's agency has established an admirable record in the last twenty years for prompt adjustment and payment of all fire losses, whether large or small. Try him for your insurance—NOW.

Will Ski at Superior.

Martin Boe, a farmer from this county who holds several records in Norway and the United States for ski jumping, will attend the tournament at Superior, Wis., in the hopes of winning more honors. Mr. Boe made a jump of 130 feet at Duluth last year. Fr moSuperior Mr. Boe will proceed to other Wisconsin tournaments, where he is entered in various events.

Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, January 22nd, 1911.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock, subject: "The Vision and the Man."

Sunday School at 12 o'clock.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society at 3 o'clock.

Senior Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 o'clock. Subject: "A Foolish Wise Man."

To all services of the Westminster Church the public is cordially invited. Seats are free at all services, and a cordial welcome awaits all who attend.

The Church's Ferry Sun gives The World full permission to continue in its orbit and circulate around The Sun. The World hopes there will be no occasion for an eclipse.

PROMINENT SOO OFFICIAL TELLS OF WORK TO BE DONE BY THE ROAD.

WILL OPEN UP TERRITORY

RICH FARM LANDS TO BE TAPPED BY THE SOO ROAD COMING FROM MEDFORD.

George C. Sturtevant, assistant general solicitor of the Soo railroad, was in the city on Tuesday and though somewhat reticent regarding the working plans, Mr. Sturtevant was emphatic in his assurance that the road would start actual building operations as soon as the frost had left the ground. Practically all of the right of way has been secured and condemnation suits are pending on the tracts which were not secured by actual settlement.

A glance at the blue prints which show the proposed route of the new line give great hopes to those who are looking for the rapid growth of Devils Lake. Running through some of the best farming land in the state with a westerly section may mean an objective point far more distant than is dreamed of, even by the most optimistic of the boosters, the new road will bring into Devils Lake a vast volume of new business.

The road starts at Medford, this state, touches one corner of Grand Forks county and from the center of Township 154 follows the section line to Ontario township, cutting through a rich section of Nelson county. Its entrance to Devils Lake necessitates a slant which is overcome after its exit at a point near the former location of Grand Harbor. From there the road runs straight into Bigson county and dips to strike Drake on the other line of the Soo.

The map shows that between Devils Lake and Thief River Falls, there is no town of any size, while on the west the citizens of this part of the state are given a direct line to Bismarck.

On the east connections will be made by way of Thief River Falls into Duluth, opening up a new mode of transportation for the jobbers who receive shipments from eastern points.

It is practically impossible to convey in cold print an idea of the wealth and area of territory which will, through the entrance of the Soo, be brought into direct connection with Devils Lake, but a careful study of the map upon which has been traced the proposed route of the new line will make out of the most rabid pessimist an optimist who can see nothing but success for the city and its industries.

BOY SCOUTS ACTIVE

TWO TROOPS OF BOY SCOUTS IN DEVILS LAKE WITH CHANCES OF ANOTHER.

Rev. Bailey of the Presbyterian church received his certificate as Scoutmaster last week and already has his troop well under way with well over a dozen members in active service. Rev. Wallace, who was the possessor of a certificate before coming to this city has a troop of similar size and it is understood that still another troop is to be organized in the near future.

At the solicitation of the Chautauqua Board the Scout movement will be made a part of the annual Chautauqua this year and new members will be taken in during the thirty days of the session. In that time the boys can attain the Tenderfoot degree and upon their return to their respective cities will be in a position to encourage the organization of a troop.

The movement is one of the most novel and at the same time one of the best that has yet entered youth's domain and its power in helping the young boys of the country to become better citizens cannot be disputed.

NEW OFFICERS OF THE BICKFORD BANK

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 18.—At a meeting held in this city today the directors of the First State bank of Bowbells was fixed and officers chosen from their number. The bank officials under the new organization are as follows: President, H. H. Steele, of Mohall; vice presidents, J. E. Davis, of Goodrich, and C. H. Baldwin, of Minnecapolis; cashier, W. R. Bond of Minot; chairman of board of directors, S. W.