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IS GIVEN AN OFFICE

FRED MANN OF THIS CITY MADE VICE PRESIDENT OF NORTH DAKOTA MUTUAL COMPANY.

Devils Lake people will be interested in the following account of the meeting of the North Dakota Mutual Insurance Company, of which F. P. Mann of this city was elected vice president and a member of the auditing committee:

The eighth annual meeting of the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Company was held in the company's office in the Gray block, this city, yesterday afternoon. A goodly number were present and a most interesting session held.

The auditing committee, consisted of Messrs. Mann, Kraebel and Reyleck, after two days among the records and accounts, reported a most healthy condition and complimented the secretary upon the splendid success achieved and for his able and painstaking management.

A gain of over \$800,000.00 in amount in force was made during the past year which would indicate a phenomenal gain in a year when conditions would not seem to warrant an expansion of trade along any line.

Losses have been much heavier during 1910 than during any previous year since the company was organized. Over 70 losses reported, which means an average of six for each and every month in the year. The amount paid in losses was \$97,627.72. All fairly adjusted and promptly paid.

And yet in the face of heavy losses they have been able to save the policy holders 25 percent by way of dividends, and still maintain a healthy reserve.

This speaks volumes for Mr. Clark, its secretary and manager, and the company has reason to feel proud of its present standing among the big institutions of our state. It is a local company and the city of Valley City extends to Mr. Clark its congratulations.

The following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: F. W. Heidel, Valley City; F. P. Mann, Devils Lake; A. T. Kraebel, Clifford; J. J. Earley, Valley City; K. S. Ramsett, Fingal; T. L. Quarve, Fessenden; H. N. Horner, Finley; W. W. Reyleck, Grafton; D. W. Clark, Valley City.

At the directors' meeting following F. W. Heidel was elected president and took his seat after some appropriate and well chosen remarks. F. P. Mann was elected vice president, J. J. Earley, treasurer and D. W. Clark secretary and manager.

How It Happened.

As you will probably notice before completing your perusal of this issue, The Mirror this week is not up to its usual high standard of excellence. (Do you get that?)

There's a reason.

For four out of the seven days which composed the last week we, the whole works of this rag of freedom, were at Grand Forks, hobnobbing with the high-browed thought-moulders of this fair state, or in other words we were in attendance at the mid-winter meeting of the N. D. Press Association, and, take it from us, it was some meeting—so you can readily understand that it was a decided shock to our sensitive nature, after four days of such elevating, not to say hilarious, influences to drop back into the sordid rut of building fires and setting type—with such a headache!

The association holds two meetings a year, and on the way down it occurred to us that it would be a good idea to put Wolford permanently on the map by securing for it the midsummer meeting of the association. To this end we enlisted the assistance of David Carlson, the gentlemanly and courteous editor of the Bottineau Courant, and how near we came to making good is evidenced by the following paragraph taken from the Grand Forks Times.

"If it had not been for the courtesy of Mike Breen and Dave Carlson, who graciously resigned in favor of Devils Lake, the thriving town of Wolford stood an excellent chance to land the mid-summer meeting. Headquarters were established on Thursday and a strong combination was affected by Mr. Breen."

We were first on the ground, and things were coming our way beautifully. "Heine" Mitchell of the Devils Lake World, tried to butt in for Devils Lake, but was quieted with a promise that if Wolford couldn't win we'd throw our strength to Devils Lake.

Friday evening, while entertaining a large delegation, who lapped up our eloquence and other dope with the avidity of our cat Moecher going to a saucer of warm milk, we got the jolt that let Devils Lake have the meeting.

We were painting in our most picturesque English the beauties of Wolford, and Mr. Carlson was attending to the rest of the program, when an ignorant pencil pusher of an inquisitive turn of mind broke in with: "Say, where in Hades is this Wolford, anyway?" That was the liniment.

We immediately sent word to Mr. Mitchell that the jig was up and Devils Lake could have the meeting. Then, as our dog Bruno would say, We fell off the water cart.

We put the cocktail market on the punk, and when they put us in our little bank, They could not tell us and our jaz apart, or words to that effect.

Grand Forks is a live, progressive

(politically, too) town, and its citizens are as hospitable as they make 'em. They did everything, in their power to make it pleasant for the visiting editors, and succeeded—at least so far as we were concerned.

Maybe it's just as well that we didn't land that midsummer meeting—it might make Hong and Nansen jealous.

—Wolford, Mirror.

PROGRESS IN USE OF LIGNITE

Comparisons Show Healthy Increase in the Use of North Dakota Lignite Coal.

Substantial progress was made in the utilization of the lignites of North Dakota in 1909, as is shown by an increase in production from 320,742 short tons, valued at \$522,116, in 1908, to 412,205 short tons, valued at \$632,184 in 1909, a gain of 91,463 tons or 28.5 per cent in quantity, and of \$110,068, or 21 per cent in value.

Extensive beds of lignite underlie the greater part of the western half of the state, and though in calorific value it is not a high grade fuel, requiring special furnaces and large grate areas when used for steam raising and leaving much to be desired when used for domestic heating and cooking, it has been found particularly well adapted to this state. A number of brick manufacturers at Dickinson, Srannton and Kenmare have stated that lignite is especially desirable for this purpose because of its smokelessness and sootlessness in combustion and its relative low cost as compared with other fuels.

One ton of lignite has been found equivalent to one cord of ordinary brickyard wood. The time required for burning a kiln of brick with lignite is from eight days to two weeks, according to the dryness of the bricks when set in the kiln and according to the quality of brick required. Some of the brick manufacturers mine the lignite used by them.

With the development of other manufacturing industries in the state the utilization of lignite for the generation of power through the gas producer, will increase. The investigations conducted by the United States Geological Survey at the St. Louis exposition have shown that lignite is an excellent gas producing fuel. It yields a gas of higher quality, though less in quantity, than either anthracite or bituminous coal, and when so used in the generation of power equals in efficiency the best bituminous coal under boilers.

The number of men employed in the lignite mines of North Dakota increased from 631 in 1908 to 972 in 1909, and the average production per man decreased from 508 to 424 tons, the apparent decrease in efficiency being due in the main to the number of men employed in new development work. There were sixteen machines employed for underdraining in 1909, an increase from eleven in 1908. The machine mined tonnage increased from 104,884 in 1908 to 112,365 in 1909.

According to T. R. Atkinson, the state mine inspector, there were only two accidents in the lignite mines of North Dakota in 1909 and neither of these was fatal.

HE CLAIMS A MISTAKE

HAMPDEN MAN CANNOT BE TAKEN IN BY SPANISH RELATIVE SWINDLE.

About the most surprised man in the country is Jas. Dolan. He is surprised for several reasons and from all reports he has cause to be. He received one of the Spanish swindle letters the other day advising him that a distant relative of his, one Edward Blanco Dolan, had died in Spanish prison, leaving his fortune, amounting to over \$60,000, to his niece, age 14, and naming him, Jas. Dolan, as guardian of the child, empowered to use the money until she becomes of age. Mr. Dolan is waiting patiently for the next letter which will no doubt be from the same law firm and contain their bill or something of a like nature. Where the surprise comes in is that they would try to make a Spaniard out of him, to think that he was so far in the country and so green as not to be onto that game. It has been generally understood that the government had got hold of these swindlers and stopped their work but they evidently have not. One thing is certain, the game went work here for Mr. Dolan swears his ancestors were all Irish and they have got the wrong man this time.—Hampden Guardian.

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A SEARCH AFTER GIRL

DEVILS LAKE POLICE ASKED TO SEARCH FOR THE MISSING HEIRESS.

That the search for Miss Dorothy H. C. Arnold, the missing New York city society belle will be far reaching in its extent, is evident from the communication received this week by the Devils Lake police.

Chief Barnes received word from the police department of the metropolis, asking that the local police assist in the world wide hunt for the missing Miss Arnold. The police of New York have no special reason to believe that the society belle would likely be in this vicinity, but are not leaving any stone unturned to locate the young lady.

All the papers in the country have been flooded with news, pictures and descriptions of Miss Arnold. The local police received in the communication three striking pictures of the young lady. The first one of the group showed Miss Arnold dressed in summer attire, with a dainty little white linen embroidered hat on. The second likeness portrayed the profile and the third was a full length picture of the missing young lady dressed in winter garments, cloak and hat. All of the pictures show Miss Arnold to be a beautiful young lady, possessing much charm.

THE CHILD, A HABIT FORMING ANIMAL.

Child Culture Series No. 5.

Prof. A. P. Hollis, State Normal School, Valley City, N. D.

After eighteen, says the late Prof. Wm. James of Harvard, the eminent psychologist, the brain begins to set like a plaster. No absolutely new and uncolored ideas are received by the brain after this. All ideas are modified by the body of ideas which receives them. The personal habits are nearly all formed at eighteen. Personal gestures and postures are nearly always fastened on for "good and all" by eighteen. Not that there is any magic about the age eighteen; for some it is seventeen, for others nineteen or twenty; but quite close to these years for most people, the tissues of the body and brain begin to harden; the paths of nervous discharge along the muscles have nearly all been fixed. As Kipling would say—"The Ship has found herself" and the habits of a lifetime have settled down to mark their permanent grooves in the nervous structure.

Youth is the Golden Age for implanting life's best habits. Habits are both good and bad—useful and harmful. It is the business of society—of parents—of schools, to see to it that profitable habits are started during this Golden Age, and that the unprofitable ones are not allowed to form. Brain cells are plastic and yield persistent impressions from ten to twenty. They are of course plastic much earlier than this, but less liable to persist in error. Before ten in most children the personality submits more to the control of superior personalities, as parents and teachers. Between ten and twenty—the dangerous, swiftly changing adolescent period—the youth assumes new dignities and new emotions. Youth and manhood meet in tumultuous struggle and manhood emerges from the storm and stress, wrecked and triumphant.

If there are any good habits that should be fixed for life, pleads Professor James, let all the forces of human society concentrate on their formation during early youth. It is not sufficient to drive out bad habits; good ones must be implanted in their place.

Habits favorable to the growing organism are, regular bathing, a reasonable degree of personal neatness, such as combing the hair, wearing clean linen; pleasant home evenings instead of pleasant street evenings; erect carriage; clear enunciation and good English, memorizing short selections of literature, attendance at religious services appropriate to the age of the child, outdoor tramps and exercises, handiwork with tools and machines, singing, the practice of kindness, generosity to others, saving.

Habits unfavorable to the growing organism are smoking, drinking and all forms of nerve deadening, slouchy carriage and dress, avoidance of healthy play and sports, the weekly going to cheap shows and of excitable literature; buying things instead of making things. In the boy's habits lies his destiny, for they will rise up and think for him in the emergencies of life.

Prof. Bain lays down two rules for habit forming that have become classic among the psychologists and should be household words in every home; they are:

1. In acquisition of a new habit or the leaving off of an old one, launch yourself with as strong and decided a start as possible.
2. Never suffer an exception to occur until the new habit is established.

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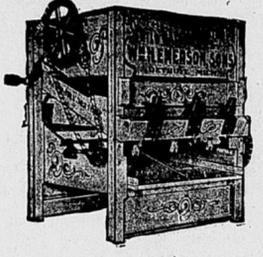
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