

TURTLE MOUNTAIN TRIBE IS INCREASING RAPIDLY

ALLOTMENT AGENT OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TELLS OF HIS WORK WITH TRIBE.

PECULIAR CONDITIONS ARISE INDIANS ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN POSSESSION OF PUBLIC LANDS UNDER THEIR TREATY

That the Turtle Mountain Indians stand little chance of becoming an extinct race as long as the public domains which are rapidly being allotted to them hold out, is the opinion of Col. John Armstrong, who is in the employ of the United States as Indian allotment agent and who recently moved into his office in the Federal building in this city.

"The Turtle Mountain Indians deserve a Rooseveltian medal if anyone does," said Col. Armstrong in a conversation with a representative of The World, "for a more prolific race I have never seen. Under our treaty with the tribe, all the Indians originally enrolled as members of the band and their descendants that cannot be taken care of on the small reservation in Rolette county must be given a free and unencumbered quarter section elsewhere. As soon as a child is born the name is enrolled with the agent and our office is notified. The records of the past two years show that in many cases the children are enrolled before they are a week old and the birth rate is astounding."

That the problem of caring for the excess was becoming somewhat of a problem was the unqualified opinion of Col. Armstrong, who reviewed briefly the history of the treaty. The Turtle Mountain Indians formerly owned nine million acres of land in the Devils Lake land district and vicinity, for which the government paid them ten cents an acre, the money which they are now receiving annually. Under a law introduced by Senator McCumber of this state, a commission was appointed under whose supervision the members of the tribe were enrolled and preparations made for allotting those who could not be taken care of on the two townships left them in Rolette quarters in other districts.

"The result of the enrollment has become somewhat confusing," said Col. Armstrong. "The commission made it a rule that only Indians who could prove their membership by actual presence in the band were entitled to be enrolled. As a result we find that while a mother and her children may be enrolled the father who was absent at the time is a rank outsider, while in many cases the older sons who were attending school failed to get in on the plums."

Twenty two hundred were enrolled at the first session and there are now over thirty-five hundred allotments made. The Lewistown district in Montana is to be investigated by Mr. Armstrong in the spring and the new allotments will probably be made there. About four hundred have been found places in the Minot district, two or three hundred in the Williston territory, several in Bismarck, while some are located in their old stamping grounds in this district.

For the past year Montana has been the scene of the transplanting operations. "I firmly believe," said Mr. Armstrong when asked regarding the Indian's ability as a farmer, "that when the members of the tribe realize that their government money is nearing an end they will make an effort to get on their own land and cultivate it. Those who have met with excellent success. They are clean, industrious and tend strictly to business. The agent is making every effort to get them started and he is succeeding. There will be no tribal customs to follow when they start farming, as the quarters are pretty well scattered throughout the different districts."

Mr. Armstrong will remain in the city for at least two months working on his reports and office work and will in the spring again resume his field work in behalf of "Poor Lo."

CHAMBERMAID WANTS \$8,000.

Grand Forks Woman Sues for An Alleged Assault.

Grand Forks, Feb. 14.—Mary Reynolds, employed as chambermaid in a local hotel, has brought suit for \$8,000 against Harry Hedges as damages in an alleged assault. The plaintiff charges that the defendant asked her to bring some towels into his room and that after she was inside he locked the door and attempted to assault her.

COWAN HEARING IS UNDER WAY

WITNESSES BEING EXAMINED BY LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Special to The World: Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 16.—Twelve witnesses out of the twenty that will be heard by the committee were examined today and it is expected that the report of the committee on the Cowan investigation will be ready by Saturday. The committee decided this morning that they would sit according to law and examine witnesses without allowing any long harangues by counsel or devote time to probing of unimportant facts.

A delegation headed by Mr. Kerlin and D. V. Brennan are at the capitol, where they have been securing from each witness as he comes out any sensational statements they can get. These stories they have tried to donate to the accredited correspondents of the larger papers with but poor success. Practically all of the sensational reports which have been sent out from Bismarck today came from the pen of Mr. Brennan, who is connected with a newspaper in Devils Lake.

No conjecture can be formed regarding the outcome of the committee work as the witnesses for the faction forcing the impeachment proceedings have been carefully prepared and are taking advantage of every possible technicality.

CONVENTION IS CLOSED

BARBERS OF THE STATE CLOSED A SUCCESSFUL MEETING HELD IN THIS CITY.

After a successful meeting the barbers of the state adjourned this afternoon and departed for their various homes. The addresses were interesting and the discussions meant much to the trade.

The following officers were elected: President, Paul Martin, Fargo.

First Vice President, E. M. Sliter, Minot.

Second Vice President, Mr. Eastlund, Grand Forks.

Secretary and Treasurer, Ed Richardson, Devils Lake.

The directors will hold over and, though invitations were received from both Fargo and Grand Forks as candidates for next year's convention, no action was taken.

SCHOOLS GET A RAISE

FORT TOTTEN INDIAN SCHOOL RECEIVES NEEDED APPROPRIATION FROM GOVERNMENT.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Although the house and senate conferees remain deadlocked over certain senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill, the committee has agreed to the following North Dakota propositions:

Walshpeton Indian school, \$50,200. This is an increase of \$30,000 over the bill as it left the house. The increase is to be used for the construction of a boys' and girls' dormitory.

Fort Totten Indian school, \$82,000. This increase was made necessary by the committee raising the capacity of the school from 300 to 400 students.

The conferees have agreed to an amendment calling upon the interior department for a statement of fiscal affairs of all Indian schools, the size of the investments, the needs and feasibility of continuing the various schools after next year.

ARE HARD AT WORK

LOCAL THESPIANS ARE WORKING HARD FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR PLAY ON FEB. 22.

The big O'Callaghan production of "Nirvana," the three act farce comedy that set the country wild will be given next Wednesday, Washington's birthday, both afternoon and evening, at the Grand. The afternoon performance will commence at 2:15 and the

evening one at 8:15. The evening performance commences early because of the fact that there is to be a dance the same evening and it is planned to meet the wishes of those who attend the play and dance.

It is generally understood that amateurs have an easier time in "making good" than professionals. The amateur is known to most of his audience, and in order to create his character must first overcome his identity. The professional has no identity as a rule, so far as his audience is concerned, except the character he portrays. The O'Callaghans generally succeed in getting good "make-ups" and this assists materially in the elimination of one's own self.

Besides this many of the local company have been in the business ten or twelve years and their experience is of great benefit to the newer people.

"Nirvana" is guaranteed to please. There is no funnier or more interesting farce comedy.

Many novel features in costumes and situations develop during the working out of the story.

The following people are among those who take part in "Nirvana": Avery L. Johnson, Earl Mann, Edward F. Flynn, Mildred H. Graham, Raymond Holmes, Orrin Holmes, Gertrude Rindan, Lillian Wineman, Inez Serungard, Inez Kollar and Annie Conny.

The seat sale will start Saturday morning and the attraction is guaranteed. This appearance will probably be the last made by this company for about a year.

BUYS A RUGBY PAPER

D. V. BRENNAN CLOSES DEAL FOR PURCHASE OF PIERCE COUNTY TRIBUNE.

A deal was consummated this week whereby D. V. Brennan, editor of the Inter-Ocean, a weekly paper published in this city, became the owner of the Pierce County Tribune, formerly edited by W. J. Anderson at Rugby. Mr. Anderson has accepted a position in the office of P. D. Norton at Bismarck. R. E. Austin is at Rugby this week getting out the first issue under the new management and while no definite announcement has been made as to who will take charge of the publication it is likely that Mr. Austin will continue. The Fargo Forum is responsible for the rumor that the Journal and the Inter-Ocean will consolidate in the near future.

PETITIONS IN SCHOOLS

EFFORT IS MADE TO FORCE SIGNATURES OF STUDENTS IN NATURES OF STUDENTS IN SUPPORT OF SUPT.

Petitions and counter petitions have become so popular in the past ten days that they have even found their way into the schools, where on Tuesday an attempt was made to secure the signatures of the students endorsing the superintendent, who has been notified by the board that his services will not be needed next year. The petitions were evidently started by interested members of the faculty and were accorded a goodly number of names until after the noon recess, when requests began to come in for their removal. The pleas were granted and the superintendent complimented upon his or her courage but were informed by the superintendent that they would be "remembered." The incident has caused no little comment among the parents in the city.

ARE STEALING GRIPS

TRAVELLING MEN COMPLAIN OF THEFTS ALONG BRANCHES NEAR THIS CITY.

That there are grip thieves abroad is the unanimous opinion of the travelling men who for the past few weeks have been making the branches of the Great Northern in this part of the state.

"Though so far I have been fortunate to escape without loss" said one well known travelling man who makes this city his home, "many of the boys have lost their samples and valuable papers. The majority of the grips have been stolen from the depots, though a few losses from the hotels have been reported. It is rather embarrassing to be left in a branch town without your samples and an insistent firm hammering you on the back for business."

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FARMERS ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION

DEGROAT TOWNSHIP FARMERS ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION OF PROPERTY FROM HUNTERS

WILL ENLARGE THE SOCIETY

OTHER TOWNSHIPS WILL JOIN IN THE MOVEMENT BEFORE THE FALL SEASON.

Believing that the farmers are entitled to more consideration at the hands of the hunters, a committee from DeGroat Township, this county, were in the city Tuesday conferring with local sportsmen. The committee consisted of Peter Sorenson, chairman, Mr. Knarrberg, Bert Perry, Lars Anderson and Albert Stenerson. The committee represents an organization recently formed in that township tending to the betterment of the present conditions.

"We are all enthusiastic sportsmen," said one of the committee to a representative of The World, "and enjoy hunting as much as do the costume city chaps who indulge in the sport, but we feel that we are entitled to more consideration than we have received in the past. Our property has been damaged and our lives endangered by reckless hunters in the past and the purpose of our organization is to see if we cannot stop this and get hunting onto a better basis."

The example of DeGroat Township, it is understood, will be followed by other townships in the county and the fall hunters will probably have to stick well to the road unless the "Welcome" mat is in plain view.

FARGO GETS MEETING.

Special to The World: Minot, N. D., Feb. 16.—Fargo was selected this morning as the next meeting place by the County Association, however, assured the representatives from the "City of Conventions" that that they would vote solidly for Devils Lake for the following year. The meeting just closed proved an entirely successful one, an interesting program being carried out and plenty of entertainment provided.

FARMER PREDICTS A SPLENDID CROP

RAMSEY COUNTY FARMER WANTS ONE MORE FALL OF SNOW AND HE WILL BE SATISFIED.

"Give us one more heavy fall of snow like the one the first of the year, a few more weeks of fairly cold weather and I will be the most optimistic man in North Dakota," was the naive way in which one Ramsey county farmer voiced his approval of the recent weather conditions. "I have always noticed that where we have a late spring," continued the agriculturalist, "we have had good crops and I think that this year is going to be a bumper. The last snows were wet enough to lay evenly on the plowed fields where the moisture will have an opportunity to soak into the ground so that it will be in good condition for seeding."

NEXT WEEK BRINGS IN ANTLERED TRIBE

ELKS FROM ALL PARTS OF STATE TO COME TO DEVILS LAKE NEXT WEEK.

Elks who have worn their antlers for twenty-five years and fawns who have but barely received the horns that mark them as members of the tribe will join hands next week in Devils Lake in instituting Devils Lake lodge No. 1216, the lodge that will in all probability bear the honor of being the baby lodge of North Dakota for some years to come.

Little can be added to the plans that have been already outlined through the press, posters and announcements. Word is being received each day by the committee from some traveling member who assures them that he is going to

be on the ground and sends his condolences to the candidates who are to be initiated into the mysteries of the order.

A committee from Devils Lake consisting of Wm. Henzie, Albert Bell and H. Z. Mitchell attended the meeting at Fargo last Saturday night and extended an invitation to the members. Nearly eighty have signed up from North Dakota's metropolis and an even hundred members of 260 will probably show up by the 25th. The Devils Lake representatives were royally received an especially fine social session having been arranged for their benefit.

So far as can be told now, the following program will be carried out: Upon the arrival of the special train from Grand Forks, carrying with it special cars from Crookston and Fargo, the first parade will start for the opera house through the main streets of the city, headed by the Devils Lake band. The actual work of institution will not start until after the arrival of the western lodges, which will probably be on No. 6. Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Addison Leach, Deputy Grand Secretary Sam Crabbe, Deputy Grand Esquire Frank Kent and the working team from Grand Forks lodge will probably arrive on Friday night, so that everything will be in readiness for the ceremonies. The preliminary work of forming the new lodge will be carried through in the afternoon and the actual initiation will be started promptly in the evening. Following this a social session will be held in the opera house, closing with a suitable supper.

The special trains will return early Sunday morning. The souvenirs, programs, posters, banners, and details of all kinds have been placed in the hands of committees who report splendid progress.

Feb. 25th will be a gala day for Devils Lake and for the Elks of North Dakota.

WANTS BETTER SERVICE

MCVILLE JOURNAL COMPLAINS REGARDING SERVICE TO THEIR TOWN FROM THE WEST.

Complaints are to be lodged with the Railroad Commissioners by the residents of the towns along the line running south from this city according to reports on the grounds that prompt connections cannot be made in this city.

The McVillage Journal says: "One thing the commercial clubs or citizens should look into and see if there could not be some remedy afforded, and that is the poor train connections at Devils Lake for passengers arriving from the west. It is a long needed remedy. People, who arrive from the west in the afternoon, are compelled to remain at the Lake nearly twenty-four hours waiting the departure of 196 the next afternoon. The connections to and from Lakota and Grand Forks or going west to Minot are all that could be asked for, but not so for the public coming from the Minot way. A person arriving from the west Saturday afternoon is delayed until the following Monday. Another thing we need in the line of train service along this route, while we are on this subject, is that of a Sunday local passenger train, and we believe that with a little effort exerted on the part of the right citizens, we would be able to secure passenger service on this line for Sunday travel. Anyone desiring to leave for the east after 196 leaves Saturday has no way of doing so until the following Monday afternoon, unless they drive across the country some twenty-five miles to another line. Many times have people received urgent calls on account of sickness or death, and because of disagreeable weather or bad roads, have had to wait over 48 hours for train service. This is only a matter of suggestion on our part to our neighboring towns and something for the commercial clubs to consider."

M'GURREN CALLS BLUFF

CRARY WRESTLER WILLING TO POST FORFEIT IN HANDICAP MATCH WITH HAUGE.

Despite the fact that he lost in a straight match with Hauge, P. H. McGurren of Crary is willing to post a forfeit that Hauge cannot throw him twice in one hour. It was admitted by those who witnessed the match in this city last week that had McGurren wanted to "stall" he could have dragged out the match for some time longer but he at all times displayed a willingness to mix that was in a measure responsible for his defeat. In a handicap match the local sports would undoubtedly be willing to back McGurren to the limit and their judgment would be wise.

HURD MAN SUICIDES.

Louis Travestad, of Hurd, N. D., Suicided at Minot.

Minot, N. D., Feb. 14.—Louis Travestad, of Hurd, N. D., was found dead in bed at the Waverly hotel at 7:30 o'clock last evening. It is thought that he died from an overdose of chloroform. He left \$5,000 worth of life insurance. Mrs. Hurd, who lives a mile and a half from Hurd, was notified and is expected to arrive in the city today.

It was first noticed that there was something wrong at 9 o'clock yesterday, when the chambermaid went to Mr. Travestad's room and found it was locked. She did not seek admittance again until the evening, when she opened the door with a master key she saw the man dead in bed. She notified the proprietors who got in touch with Coroner Taylor and Judge Murray.

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ATTORNEY MAKES EFFORT TO SECURE A PARDON

MUSICAL TREAT FOR DEVILS LAKE SOON

ST. PAUL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO APPEAR IN THIS CITY ON APRIL 18.

Through the public spiritedness of the Commercial Club, Devils Lake music lovers will be given an opportunity to hear the famous St. Paul Symphony orchestra on April 18th in both the afternoon and evening performances. The possibility of an engagement was brought to the attention of the Commercial Club, who will guaranty the necessary amount with the understanding that if there is any money made it will be turned over to the Club funds.

The St. Paul orchestra has attained a reputation over the entire Northwest and it is only through a slip on dates that Devils Lake has been accorded this opportunity.

The organization will give a matinee at which a special price will be made for school children, the school board having agreed to dismiss the school for that afternoon, and a big performance in the evening. Detailed information, regarding prices and program will be given later and will be watched with interest by the people of this city.

TO BE TRIED HERE

AFFIDAVIT OF PREJUDICE FILED IN PELTIER CASE AND TRANSFER MADE HERE.

Bottineau, N. D., Feb. 15.—The district court is now in session here with Judge Burr presiding. The case of the state against Joe Peltier was today transferred to Rolette county in Judge Cowan's district on an affidavit of prejudice by the plaintiff against both the judge and county here.

It will be remembered that Joe, with his brother, and an Indian boy were found guilty two years ago of the murder of Frank Sidell at a hotel store and postoffice in the Turtle mountains. Joe and his brother, Charlie, were sentenced to hang, the Indian got life. Charlie's sentence was changed to life and Joe appealed. The case was remanded and Peltier was granted a change today.

C. S. Griffin, the colored man, charged with rape of a little 13-year-old girl in the mountains here pleaded guilty today and will be sentenced in a day or so, several jiggers will come up for trial and the term is likely to be a long one.

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TWO WOUNDED IN SHAM BATTLE

Indian and Electrician Punctured by a Real Bullet in Western Fight.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Two men were shot in a stage battle of "The Round-up" at McVicker's theatre yesterday; a more thrilling climax than the program of the piece intends. The battle is the third act of the western melodrama and about 200 rounds of blank ammunition are fired in the fight between the Indians, two men lost in the desert and a company of Uncle Sam's soldiers who come to the rescue.

By mistake one of the supposed black cartridges contained a bullet yesterday and as a result a blood-thirsty Indian was punctured through the calf of the left leg and an innocent bystander house electrician was shot in the left foot by one and the same missile.

ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO SECURE PARDON FOR DAN MALONEY WHO IS IN PRISON.

MURDERED DEVILS LAKE MAN LIFER IN STATE PENITENTIARY NOW CLAIMS INNOCENCE WITH STRONG EVIDENCE.

If the efforts of Attorney T. R. Mochler of Bismarck are successful, Dan Maloney, a well known character in this city who is at present serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of Nicholas Nachtsheim, will be a free man.

Attorney Mochler was in the city on Tuesday securing opinions from the men who were interested in the case at the time of the murder, eight years ago.

Undoubtedly the facts in connection with the crime have slipped the minds of many of even the old timers. Nachtsheim, whom it was alleged was indulging in the unlawful sale of whiskey on or near the Chautauqua grounds, was reported to have concealed about his shack a large sum of money and when he was found to be missing one morning an immediate suspicion of robbery was aroused. Evidence of the crime, however, were not discovered for three days, when the attention of Herman Rutten, at that time sheriff of the county, was called to a stench arising from the floor of the home of the victim. An investigation disclosed the body of the murdered man, with his head completely severed from the trunk. Maloney had been in suspicious company for several days prior to that time and in drunken conversation displayed some knowledge of the crime. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Since his term started Maloney has been a model prisoner. He is uncrushed with the care of the frowns; bears an excellent reputation among the authorities and is now strong in his protestations of innocence. Pennsylvania relatives, reputed to be wealthy, have offered to care for Mr. Maloney should he be released from the penitentiary.

"I really believe," said one of the old timers in the city who had more or less to do with the trial, in conversation with a World representative, "that Maloney is innocent. He was convicted on mainly circumstantial evidence and his case was not properly handled. Circumstances were against him, and if the reports from the penitentiary are true I am in favor of giving him his liberty. Maloney is now over fifty years of age and has been sufficiently punished."

An application will be made by Atty. Mochler before the Board of Pardons, backed by recommendations from local officials and citizens.

DOROTHY ARNOLD STILL LOST

Family of Missing Girl Say She Is As Much Lost as Ever.

New York, Feb. 13.—Notwithstanding the personal advertisement inserted in a New York newspaper, apparently by George S. Griscomb, Jr., to the effect that he hoped to see Dorothy Arnold, Tuesday, John W. Arnold, her brother said tonight that he had no idea the suitors hope would be realized.

"Dorothy is as much lost as ever," he said. The fact that strengthened the report that the Arnolds are still conducting a search for the girl was the hurried return of one of their counsel, John S. Keith, from Newton, Pa., today. It was believed he had come to handle some new and important phase of the case but the Arnolds did not desire to make public the nature of their efforts.

HE GAVE DRINK TO AN INDIAN

Another Cass Lake Lawbreaker Caught Red Handed and Sent to Pen.

Cass Lake, Minn., Feb. 14.—J. H. Parkhurst, who came here recently from Wisconsin, is today on his way to the state penitentiary to begin serving a sentence as a result of his being caught red-handed Saturday afternoon giving liquor to an Indian. He was hurried before Judge Ives soon after being arrested on the charge of furnishing liquor to an Indian and bound over. He was taken to Bemidji on the evening train and arraigned before Judge Stanton in district court where he pleaded guilty. The court fined him \$50 and costs and sentenced him to six months in Stillwater.

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