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## JUDGE COWAN IS ACQUITTED BY THE SENATE OF NO. DAK.

### Defendant Jurist Receives a Majority on Each and Every Specification and Charge

### Tremendous Ovation Given Judge Cowan When Informed by Pres. Burdick of the Verdict

The first and what will undoubtedly be the last impeachment case in North Dakota has passed into history. After over two months of nerve racking tension, after the employment of every known method from indignation meetings to badly warped testimony and despite column after column of yellow journalism, Judge Cowan has been acquitted of the charges preferred against him and will return to his home as Judge of the Second Judicial District.

**VOTE WAS EXCITING.**  
Yesterday morning after George A. Bangs had completed his argument for the prosecution the Senate went into executive session to determine the manner in which the vote would be taken. At 1:30 in the afternoon the first vote on the first "specified drunk" was cast, resulting in 39 for acquittal and 3 for conviction, seven absent and not voting. From then on the vote progressed rapidly, varying from unanimous to its lowest point of 23 for conviction and 24 for acquittal, which was cast on the specification charging drinking in a local drug store. At no time was there a majority of the senate in favor of conviction.

**RECEIVED OVATION.**  
As the final roll call was concluded at 4:35 and Lieut. Gov. Burdick turned from the defendant jurist that he had against him, the senate chamber was Burdick stopped talking, bedlam broke loose. Staid senators let out repeated yells that would have done credit to a rooting brigade of a University, spectators poured down onto the senate floor, all anxious to grasp the hand of Judge Cowan, who stood with tears in his eyes, thanking his friends who had stood by him so nobly and accepting with equal fervency the congratulations of his enemies. For over three quarters of an hour Judge Cowan shook the hands of the hundreds of spectators and officials.

**TELEGRAMS POUR IN.**  
Hardly had the first message telling the news flashed over the state before congratulatory messages began pouring in from all parts of North Dakota. Last night Judge Cowan had received nearly two hundred telegrams of congratulations and had been interrupted in his reception by repeated telephone messages. A reception was held in Bismarck last night in his honor and the scene there is one long to be remembered. Worn by the weeks of labor, tired under the stress of the excitement and strained by the tension under which he has been exerting himself, Judge Cowan is nevertheless greeting his friends with a hearty smile and heartier hand shake.

**VOTE WAS CHANGING.**  
It was impossible to get any definite information at the time of going to press as to the vote on each specification. Senators Steele of Benville, Wallin of Ward, and Bossessen of Wells were always for conviction. Senator Gibbens whom the Devils Lake Journal claimed had been "lined up" voted several times for conviction and the remainder switched from side to side as the different specifications came up.

**TO RECEIVE OVATIONS.**  
Messages from Jamestown, Valley City and other points on the road to Devils Lake have been pouring in asking as to the time of the departure of Judge Cowan and it is probable that he will be greeted at each station by his friends. He expects to leave this afternoon for home.  
Though an effort was made to have a few words from Judge Cowan at the conclusion of the hearing the crowd of spectators was so great that it was impossible and up to eleven o'clock last night Judge Cowan had not even had time to make a public statement to the press.

Beginning last Saturday the arguments in the Cowan case started with Attorney Sinkler for the prosecution the first to deliver an address.  
Monday Attorney Fred Cuthbert of this city delivered a splendid talk, which has been most favorably commented upon by all of the dailies of the state.  
Tuesday Tracy Bangs, chief counsel for the accused, closed for the defense and on Wednesday Geo. Bangs closed for the state.

All of the arguments were well delivered and the evidence in the case was thoroughly gone over by the learned attorneys. Personal animosity entered into both sides and witnesses for both the state and the defense received "trimmings" at the hands of the speakers.

Extracts from the report of the address of Tracy Bangs:  
"It is noticeable that the majority of the witnesses for the prosecution are related to or have business relations with the soft-pedal president of the Farmers' railroad."  
"The first head to fall under the blade of his sharp guillotine was Druggist Crowley of Devils Lake. Mr. Bangs had only to open the senate journal and read the affidavit that witness signed and which was filed by the house board of managers with President Burdick, stating he had been tampered with, to show the falsity of some of his statements on the stand."  
The affidavit, printed later in the senate journal, openly asserting that Chief Clerk Griffin had approached him with the intention of tampering with him and cautioning him to be particular about what he testified to against Judge Cowan, was made to serve as its own boomerang on Mr. Crowley.

The report of the investigation committee appointed by President Burdick completely exonerated the chief clerk and showed where Crowley virtually retracted every statement made in his affidavit. This was used to good advantage by Counsellor Bangs in his impeachment of that witness.  
**Disproves Branchflower's Story.**  
The counsellor then proceeded to puncture the story of Monroe Branchflower, who was called "the student of Wehe," by Mr. Cuthbert in his address the night before. Branchflower stated he was an attendant in the courtroom one day and saw Judge Cowan walk in, and right up to the judge's bench, announce there would be no court and, without sitting down, walk right out again.  
He said he noticed the judge as "he walked right in, turned right around, and walked right out again," that he was under the influence of liquor. Mr. Bangs recalled the introduction of the court records as evidence and exhibited and said they showed there had not been an adjournment during the whole term of court, and that a portion of that term was held by Judge Keeschaw.

"These records alone show the facts," said Mr. Bangs. "Mr. Branchflower's story must have been based on the records in Mr. Wehe's office."  
**Judge Cowan's Record.**  
Tracy Bangs thought it was a crime to endeavor to charge such a man as Judge Cowan with dishonesty or connect his name with an effort to perpetrate a dishonest act on the state of North Dakota.  
He declared the prosecution was unable to show, in the matter of false certificates, the least trace of dishonesty in his career in the last twenty-seven years as a public servant. During his public life, the accused had occupied many positions of trust and he said he had always been an exemplary official.

"What has he been?" he cried. "School teacher, superintendent of the schools, state's attorney, attorney general and a district judge. Oh, Judge Cowan has been a rare man, indeed. You should say, 'God grant we may have more like you.'"  
"You can travel throughout the northwestern part of this state," he cried, passionately, "and you can come down and go down through the records in this capitol building, and everywhere you go you can find the records showing the history of the life work of John F. Cowan, and I challenge any man, be he senator, be he member of the board, or counsel, to point one time when John F. Cowan has ever done a corrupt or dishonest act."  
"But I say to you gentlemen of this court, there is a record that is written here that is far better than any that even Roswell in writing the teacher-printed book. There is a biographer who sits closer to us and notes our every act with more care as to detail than even Roswell in writing the teachings and life of Johnson, and that biographer writes with a pen that never fails, and the writing never fades, and for fear his notes become mixed, he writes the records of the life of every man upon his face, and I ask you to look at John F. Cowan and look at the biography of his life that Almighty God has written there."  
"Then say to me, is there in that face, is there in those lips, is there in a line of that face one thing to show corruption?" The speaker paused a moment to allow his words to have their full effect.  
"On the other hand," he said, "isn't there written there the straightforward, honest life of an upright man who has done his share, and more than his share in uplifting this great state, of which we are all so proud, and can't you trust that biographer?"  
"Don't you know we carry about with us the unfailing signs of what we have done and what we have thought? Why is this biography upon the face of every man that we can read when we meet our fellowman? It is that we read, that makes us feel that we are changing human nature, as a matter of fact, we are only reading the thoughts that have been written there by the hands of the Almighty, and read the history that is written here and say to me, is there anything there that calls

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**MANY TO ATTEND EASTERN MEETINGS**  
MASON AND ELKS OF NORTH DAKOTA PLANNING ON BIG MEETINGS IN JULY.

Itineraries for both the Elks and the Shriner's trips to be made in July have been received in Devils Lake and present an alluring outing for the members of those two orders. Devils Lake, it is expected, will send its quota of representatives on both specials. The Elks plan on leaving St. Paul the evening of the 7th of July, arriving in Chicago the following morning, where they will have but a short wait before leaving for Battle Creek, Mich., where a stop of two hours has been arranged for. Luncheon will be served there and the delegates given an opportunity to view the city. Port Huron, the next stop, is reached that evening, and the train will not leave until midnight, the evening's entertainment being furnished by the lodge of that city, including a ride on the large steamer Conger and a dance. The next morning breakfast will be served at Niagara Falls and the members of the party taken on the trip viewing the falls. Wilkesbarre, Pa., is the next stop, where three hours will be spent in going through one of the large coal mines. Allentown, Pa., will be reached that evening and another splendid program furnished by the lodge there. Philadelphia is the last stop before Atlantic City and the morning will be turned over to a trip around that city. Atlantic City will be reached on the 10th in plenty of time for the opening of the session, which lasts until the seventeenth. C. H. Doyon is the delegate from the local lodge.

Word has just been sent out of the official schedule of the Frank Treat Special train, to the world meeting of the Imperial Shrine at Rochester, N. Y., next July.  
The train, which will be a special train of sleepers, each with the name "El Zagal" lettered on the outside, will leave Fargo July 7, at noon, arriving at Minneapolis at 6 p. m., leaving there at 11:30 p. m., arriving at Detroit next morning. Leave Detroit at 10:30 p. m., arriving at Niagara Falls early the next morning, and remaining there until 9:30 a. m., and arrive at Rochester the same day at noon. The train will run over the Great Northern to Minneapolis, the Burlington to Chi-

ago and the Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley the balance of the distance. At Minneapolis, those on the train will be entertained by Zarah Shrine of that city and Osmond Shrine of St. Paul. All day Saturday they will be the guests of Medina Shrine at Chicago, while Sunday will be spent in Detroit, the guests of the Shrine in that city. The fare will be \$47 return; the sleeping fare will be \$7 each way. These rates may be reduced somewhat.

**DIAMOND ARTISTS TRY OUT STUNTS**  
DEVILS LAKE BASEBALL PLAYERS INDULGE IN WARMING UP PRACTICES DAILY.

Beginning the first of the week the fans of the city have had an opportunity to size up the players who will compose the Devils Lake team this year and the inspection has been a thoroughly satisfactory one. Practically all of the players are here and the daily practices have been steadily increasing in pep and ginger. Fast ball playing is what the fans like and it is apparently what they are going to get.  
The pitching staff this year will be composed of Caylor and Manke, the two artists who threw their way into favor with the fans last year. They are both fast, have good heads and are not afraid of anything that is put up to face them. Cadreau, the Indian who made good with Minot last year and who had a tryout with Chicago this spring will be in the box for the locals during the season. The Indian is a hummer and will show splendid speed in the shape he was in last year.  
McCarthy, a St. Paul man who is well known throughout the Northwest, will be the first catcher. Mac is a man that not only plays the game from start to finish, sizing up the batters rapidly and helping the pitcher, but he furnishes the fans with a continuous vaudeville show. During his games in this part of the country the past two years Mac has made a host of friends.  
Halgrim, who will assist back of the bat is already in the city and promises to be on the job. In addition to his battery duty he will help in the field.  
Lipps, the first baseman of last year's aggregation, will be on the initial sack and his work, if up to the standard set last year, will go without question.  
Schremley, a former Wisconsin player who has travelled with fast company, will be given an opportunity to make good on second base and from the credentials which he has presented will have little trouble.  
Tyvan, a local man, is to be used at third if his playing comes up to the mark. His practice work has been good and he shows signs of being a comer.  
Chief Thompson, one of the old Minot stars and a fast infield man, is to play short and if he is in his old time form will show the fans a splendid exhibition of the National game. He covers all kinds of ground, is good with the stick and has a pretty whip to first.  
Shaulis, the playing manager, will cover the right garden, where he can keep his eye on the play and see that things go right. The substitute pitcher and the extra catcher will play the other two fields.  
The new diamond is being fixed up for the games this year.  
No certain schedule has been arranged yet. The team will, however, leave for Grand Forks on the 13th, where they will play the Picketts, going from there to Park River and perhaps visiting other towns enroute. Their first home game will be between the 18th and 20th of this month, though the opposing team has not yet been elected.  
During the year games are to be played with Minot, Valley City, Spike Anderson's All Stars, both Colored Gopher teams, the fast Alexandria players and the teams from this part of the state. The Picketts and the Gophers are to be here during Chautauqua time.

Every indication points to a winning team and it is up to the citizens to do their share.

**PIG CASE TRIED IN JUSTICE COURT**  
INTERESTING "PIG" CASE IS TRIED WITHOUT USUAL HELP FROM THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

Without the representation from the Civic League so noticeable in past cases, characterized by the term "pig cases," a case which deals with a porker was successfully culminated in the court of Justice Hinck Tuesday afternoon and the defendant J. F. Ray found guilty of petit larceny and subjected to a fine of \$10 and costs.

**WHO READS THE WORLD?**  
A Devils Lake advertiser who offered bargains to residents of Washington, California and Montana would be wasting his money, wouldn't he?  
The kind of an advertising medium wanted by a real live up-to-date merchant is a paper that is read by the people of Ramsey county and the Second Judicial District, the people who do business in Devils Lake.  
**THAT PAPER IS THE WORLD.**  
Old established newspapers that have been in existence for more than a quarter of a century accumulate a list, forty per cent of which is worthless to the advertiser. If you have a relative in Washington or if you leave to go to California you subscribe for your local weekly to get the news, not to read the advertisements.  
THE WORLD is new and its list is composed only of live readers, subscribers who have come in and plunked down their \$1.50 to get the paper.  
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE THEY READ IT ALL THROUGH—ASK THEM.  
THE WORLD reaches the class of people Devils Lake merchants are doing business with and has gained their confidence by square newspaper methods. The paper that prints the NEWS and prints it without color is the one that wins the friendship of its readers.  
**WHAT PAPER HAS THE MOST FRIENDS IN RAMSEY COUNTY?**  
**YOU KNOW, MR. ADVERTISER— THAT PAPER IS THE WORLD. WHY NOT TRY ADVERTISING IN IT?**

## Helena Special is Greeted by Crowd

### Twin City Delegation Treated To Automobile Ride Through Devils Lake and Vicinity

Notes of the Trip.  
That the agricultural possibilities of the great Northwest are not to be overlooked is an assured fact when the personal of the party discloses such men as Prof. Shaw, who has lately been engaged as the agricultural expert for the Great Northern, W. S. Jones of the Minneapolis Journal, an authority on agricultural matters, C. Willis, editor of the Northwest Farmer, A. E. Chamberlain of South Dakota, a professor in their Agricultural College and an editor of some note, and a number of prominent real estate men. "We are more than delighted with the looks of the land in this vicinity," said one of the experts in conversation with a representative of The World. "Everything looks right for a splendid crop and I am glad to see the work that is being done along right lines."  
L. W. Hill: "We are very much pleased with the reception accorded us by the people of Devils Lake. We want to see your town and we want an opportunity to meet the business men who are helping to make it a success."  
Edgar L. Richter: "Devils Lake gave the members of the party the best reception they have received so far along the line. They all had a good time."  
H. A. Noble: "Devils Lake is to be congratulated on the enterprise they have shown in meeting the party and entertaining them. They have the right spirit and we appreciate it."  
With the above but a sample of the expressions of appreciation tendered the citizens of Devils Lake over the reception accorded the members of the Twin City party who passed through the city Monday, enroute for Helena, Mont., there is little doubt but what the Commercial Club is "making good." The array of automobiles, the martial music of the Devils Lake band and the goodly gathering of business men, who despite the chilliness of the weather had gathered at the station when the special pulled in, were witnesses to the progressiveness and hospitality of the city.  
After a brief reception on the station platform, the guests were bundled into the waiting machines and taken on trips throughout the city and to Chautauqua, returning in plenty of time to take the train, which pulled out after an hour's wait. Several of the party who had friends or business acquaintances in the city spent the hour visiting and the Commercial Club was well patronized during the brief wait.  
E. B. Page of the Devils Lake State Bank, D. V. Bangs of the State School for the Deaf, Messrs. Lord and Conyers of Cando and P. R. Flint of Big Sandy, Mont., joined the party here.

**The Equipment.**  
To the layman in railroad affairs the special train was a revelation in the modern methods of equipment. Every car, with the exception of the two private coaches, was new, and the entire rolling stock represented an outlay of nearly half a million dollars. Following the engine and baggage coach came the private car of L. W. Hill, the president of the road, comfortable but not ornate, commodious but not palatial. In the front of his car Mr. Hill carries his private automobile, the remainder of the coach being fitted up as sleeping and living rooms. The private car occupied by Geo. B. Harris, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Burlington road and John Carroll, general solicitor of the same company followed Mr. Hill's car. Then came four sleeping cars followed by a diner, then three more followed by another diner and the big observation parlor car which will seat sixty people. The train was well manned by capable employees and the members of the party expressed themselves as more than delighted with the service.

The only man who didn't appear satisfied with the trip was the tired fireman who dropped from the cab with a sigh that aroused no little sympathy. "Some pull," was his only remark as he wiped off his forehead and betook himself to the nearest beanery.

**WEATHER MAN IS A RESULT GETTER**  
NEW WEATHER MAN SUCCEEDS IN MAKING APRIL, 1911, BANNER MONTH FOR YEARS.

That the new weather man is making a success of his job so far as getting the precipitation wanted by the farmers, is readily seen by an examination of the monthly report of the local weather station. During the month of April the precipitation was 1.99, the highest in the past six years. The highest temperature was 82 on the 27th while the lowest was 11 on the 6th. The greatest daily range was on the 16th, when the mercury varied 36 degrees, while on the 4th there was a movement of but three degrees. According to the report the total movement of the wind was 9487 miles, the average hourly velocity being 13.2. The maximum velocity was 34 miles per hour from the Northwest on the 14th. There were twelve clear days, an equal number of partly cloudy and six days classed as cloudy. The report also shows a thunder storm on the 12th.

The rather remarkable occasion arose where it became necessary for the Judge to fine a man for stealing his own pig but those who were in attendance and were acquainted with the facts surrounding the theft upheld the court in his decision.  
From the evidence brought out it develops that employees on the farm belonging to Geo. H. Locke in Minnewaukan township picked up a pig that had without notice and without permission strayed off from the farm of its owner, J. F. Ray. Mr. Ray, without going through the customary formalities took the pig from the pen in which it had been tied and returned with it to his home. The suit was brought as a result and Mr. Ray has been found guilty of stealing his own pig.  
The evidence further showed that Ray had made somewhat of a practice of picking up stray cattle belonging to his neighbors and holding them for damages and was therefore believed to be thoroughly familiar with the Estray law. The case has been appealed.  
Mrs. Ed. Gilbertson, who was injured internally in a wreck on the Great Northern about three weeks ago, was out Wednesday for the first time. She is still quite weak and will be unable to continue her work in the store for some time.