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## SECRETARY OF STATE P. D. NORTON THE MAN WITH THE VOCABULARY OF SORDIDNESS, CROOKEDNESS AND CRAFT HAS ANOTHER ATTACK OF OFFICIAL NEGLIGENCE; WHAT HAS HE DONE WITH AUTO TAX FUNDS EACH MONTH?

THE SQUARE DEAL PAT REPORT LY WROTE ABOUT IS NOW BEING QUESTIONED.

WILL THE BLACKMAILERS AGAIN DEFEND PATRICK

SECRETARY WILL AGAIN BE CALLED UPON TO PAY HIS RESPECTS AS BEFORE.

Perhaps He Can See No Fairness and Impartiality in Anything Unless It Is Diverted Towards His Maw—Is Norton Another Reformer Like Stockwell and Bickford Were Proven to Be?

Fargo, N. D., Oct. 19.—The county commissioners in some of the counties of the state have been wondering why the fees charged for tax on motor vehicles and paid to the secretary of state has not been paid to the respective counties, as required by law. This fee, under the statute, is to be used for the purpose of repairing and maintaining the main traveled roads of each of the respective counties.

The following sections of the statute are quoted herewith, relative to this fee: Chapter six, law of 1911, section seven. "A fee of \$3 shall be paid to the secretary of state upon the registration or re-registration of a motor vehicle in accordance with the provisions of this act."

Section fourteen. "At the end of every month the secretary of state shall pay into the county treasury to the account of the special road maintenance fund as hereinafter provided. All monies received by him under this act which has been paid to him by owners of motor vehicles in such county, and shall file with the county auditor a verified statement of the amount and sources thereof, providing that from the monies received from such license he shall pay to the county auditor the amount for the purchase of tags and books of registration."

An investigation of the matter shows that there were issued about 7,500 tags which at \$3 apiece as provided by law would amount to over \$22,500. The law went into effect July 1, and this amount has been collected during the months of July, August, September and October, and yet no return has been made to the respective counties as provided by law. The secretary of state, P. D. Norton, must have this fund in his possession, or in some bank, instead of in the hands of the county treasurer, where it should be at this time to be used in the betterment of the roads.

It is time that somebody in authority was looking into this matter to see if these funds are being held out and diverted or appropriated to the use and benefit of the secretary or state, P. D. Norton, whose duty under the law it is to disburse these receipts to the respective counties at the end of every month. It seems that if any action is taken it has to be done by private citizens.

What is Governor Burke doing as chief executive of the state, why isn't he supervising the official conduct of the ministerial and executive officers of his administration? It is his sworn duty to supervise the official conduct of the officers of his administration, and yet when misconduct, illegal or criminal practices are shown up or given publicity, it seems that if any action is taken it has to be done by private citizens.

Reports have been filed with Governor Burke, alleging this misconduct and criminality in connection with ministerial and executive officers of this administration, yet when action has been taken, which has resulted in criminal prosecution, the executive has had no hand in the matter. In this because those who have been accused and failed to make good have belonged to a faction of a party from which he has received political support, or what is the matter?

For the benefit of the public, are quoted sections of the statute relating to the powers and duties of the governor bearing on the subject: Section 86, R. C. 1905, (Powers and Duties of the Governor.)

In addition to those prescribed by the constitution, the governor has the power and must perform the duties prescribed in this and in the following sections:

1. He is to supervise the official conduct of all executive and ministerial officers.

2. He is to see that all officers are filled, and the duties thereof performed, or in default thereof, apply such remedies as the law allows.

If the remedy is imperfect acquaint

the legislative assembly at its next session. The governor might put an end to his boasting and talking about his "efficient" administration and to look after and safeguard and acquaint himself with the way the funds of the state have been and are being handled.

He has an examiner's department, which he has appointed for this purpose, and in which he at least should have confidence. But the transaction in the Bickford case were palpably raw, and which were not uncovered by the examiner's department. It makes no difference how the executive goes about it to get his information, the fact remains that these fees referred to, now being held by Secretary of State Norton, are held in violation of the law and to the detriment of the good roads and tax payers of the state. If Governor Burke continues to let this matter rest, no doubt some county official or state's attorney will be forced to come forward and make the secretary of state obey this law and disgorge these funds.

## MOUSE RIVER LOOP TO HAVE ASSOCIATION

WILL ORGANIZE IN SAME MANNER AS DID THE 'LAKE REGION' FOR SHOW.

TOWNER STARTS BALL ROLLING

McHENRY COUNTY SEAT COMMERCIAL CLUB IS ACTIVE IN NEW ORGANIZATION.

Meeting Will be Held at Minot Friday for the Purpose of Getting Things Started Looking to the Development of That Section of North Dakota—The Only Exhibit They Say.

Minot, N. D., Oct. 19.—Real estate men, bankers and business men of the northwestern part of North Dakota will meet at the commercial club rooms at Minot Friday evening for the purpose of forming a Mouse River Loop Development association. The plan is to unite, if possible, all interests in the northwestern part of the state in a united campaign to place a prosperous farmer on every quarter section of land.

The meeting was originally called by a committee of the Towner commercial club. It was at first planned to hold the meeting in Towner, but owing to the excellent transportation facilities at Minot it was decided to change the meeting place to Minot.

Regarding the feasibility of the plan, the Towner committee, consisting of

## RECORDS BURNED IN PIGGING CASE

GREAT NORTHERN DEPOT CONTAINED EVIDENCE IMPORTANT TO STATE.

Langdon, N. D., Oct. 19.—Records which were thought to have been valuable in assisting the state in prosecuting blindpigging charges against three men arrested at Esby, this county, were destroyed in the fire that consumed the Great Northern depot. Subpoenas had been issued by the prosecuting officials for the records, which were to have been brought to Langdon today, the hearing of the accused being in progress here.

Lee Beach, Otto Kurza and another man known as "Blackie" are the accused.

**CHINESE VICTORY.**  
Special to The World: Peking, China, Oct. 19.—The Chinese government claims they have won a great victory at Hankow and announce that the troops are holding that station awaiting the arrival of additional troops.

F. R. Bickell, F. J. Roble and S. W. Whetson, says among other things: "The Red River valley have organized, the Lake Region have organized, and the Missouri slope have organized, and are putting forth strenuous efforts to exhibit their products and advertise their resources in every possible way. Our eastern organizations have contracted for large spaces at the St. Paul land show and are working hard to outdo one another. Now, listen, let us put a good one over on them. Just because we are not in the valley or in the other districts, we do not have to take a back seat. Our pride has been stirred and yours has, too. We know it. That is why we are going to organize and at once, to beat them at their own game. Our plan is this: The United States land irrigation exposition opens in Chicago, November 18. It is impossible for our eastern organizations to take large spaces at the largest and best land show, the one that will do us more good than all the others, for 98 per cent of our settlers and capital comes from within one night's ride of Chicago and they figure that over 600,000 people will attend the Chicago land show. Just think of the advantage we will have over the balance of North Dakota. For the Famous Mouse River Loop association will be the only exhibit from the entire state of North Dakota."

**DECREASE IN G. N. EARNINGS**  
Annual Report Shows Falling Off in Passenger Revenues—Various Branches Covered.  
A decrease in passenger revenues on the Great Northern lines for the fiscal year compared with the 1909 figures is noted in the annual report of the company's earnings. In 1909, on account of the Seattle exposition, the traffic was heavy.

An increase in the revenue from the transportation of the mails over last year is shown in the report. This is on account of a readjustment of the territory west of Minnesota. There has also been an increase during the past year in the express revenue, due to a new contract by which the railroad company derives a larger revenue from the express companies.

Operating expenses dropped \$1,677,704.21. In the report of President Louis W. Hill, it is shown that gross operating revenues were \$61,257,832.93, a decrease of \$2,207,728.94 and the operating income was \$20,562,461.37, a decrease of \$1,294,519.16. The revenue from the transportation of wheat, rye, oats, barley and flax seed was \$3,411,484.65 less than the year before. The tonnage of freight decreased 154,317.

Chairman James J. Hill in his annual report to the stockholders shows that the Great Northern for the fiscal year ended June 30 last spent \$2,407,367 in construction of new lines and for preliminary expenses for projected lines. These are itemized as follows: Fargo to Surrey, \$1,258,878.07; Orville to Pateros, Wash., \$350,270.39; Stanley to Wildrose, N. D., 209,375.13; Bainville to Plentywood, Mont., \$199,154.69; Vaughn to Simms, Mont., \$71,028.51; completion of sundry lines, \$198,360.88; and preliminary expenses, \$124,799.35. It is shown that \$1,316,394.61 was spent on Canadian companies controlled.

The German Lutheran Ladies' Aid will have a food sale in the Locke block, Saturday, October 21st. Cakes and coffee will also be served at that time.

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**SAMUEL BRQWN.**  
Jersey City Cashier Accused of Hiring Burglar to Burn Books.



Photo by American Press Association.

**NOT IN POLITICS.**  
Special to The World: Richmond, Va., Oct. 19.—According to a letter received here by Congressman Moore of Pennsylvania, Roosevelt will take no part in the coming National campaign. The Colonel positively refuses to give any opinion that might possibly be misconstrued in connection with the Presidential campaign.

**FIVE CARLOADS OF MILCH COWS**  
BANKERS OF MINOT GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE TO ADVANCE THE COUNTRY.

Minot, N. D., Oct. 19.—The Minot bankers have agreed to ship into Minot five carloads of milch cows for distribution amongst the farmers of the Minot territory. This is merely a start on the campaign to build up the dairy industry in Minot.

The farmers are receiving many inquiries from the farmers. The farmers are beginning to realize that milch cows will bring a steady income the year around and will keep the soil in the best of condition for the raising of grain.

The bankers have been in communication with the owners of milch cows in Iowa and other eastern states and find that cows there bring from \$35 to \$50. To this would be added the freight to Minot. The cows will be shipped by the railroad.

The farmers of this section are urged to co-operate with the bankers. The bankers agree to furnish the cows at actual cost and are anxious to have the farmers come in and talk the matter over with them.

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## RECREATION THE NEED OF THE FARMER

SO SAYS MRS. PAUL CLAGSTONE IN ADDRESS AT THE CONGRESS IN COLORADO.

AN INTERESTING SPEECH MADE BY WOMAN INTERESTED IN RECREATION IN THE HOME AND COMMUNITY.

Says a Farm Woman's Life Should Not be All Drudgery and the Boys and Girls Should be Given Time for Recreation—Country Can Furnish More Real Pleasure Than Can City Life.

One of the most necessary, yet most neglected and unappreciated phases of farm life, according to Mrs. Paul Clagstone, of Clagstone, Idaho, who spoke on "Recreation in the Home and Community" is recreation for the farmer's family. "Recreation," she said, "is wrongly considered a luxury in many farm homes. A farm woman's life should not be all drudgery, and the boys and girls should be given time for recreation. Too many boys and girls leave home because they see nothing but hard work ahead of them for the rest of their lives, while in the cities and farm papers for the family, and a phonograph to bring them in touch with the best music, or to listen to the long winter evenings. A few good outdoor games for the boys, flowers for the farmer's wife, and a revival of the old art of making visits were recommended as aids.

The country church and the country school are perhaps the greatest factors in the mental stimulus of the farm life, with the Grange and the Garner's Union a close second. Mrs. Clagstone gave a valuable suggestion, the practicability of which has been proven in her own locality. Five school districts, too difficult of access for centralization of schools, have engaged a teacher in domestic science and one in manual training, and each school is given one day in the week for instruction and pays one-fifth of the salary. This, Mrs. Clagstone affirms, will mean much in the betterment of country life, and should be taken up throughout all country regions.

In conclusion she said: "Every one who can have children, a garden, a horse to use when one wants, running water and other conveniences, will have far to look for a happier place than the farm."

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**JOSE PINO SUAREZ.**  
Candidate For Vice President of the Republic of Mexico.



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**DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
METHODISTS HOLD ELECTION AT GRAND FORKS THIS MORNING—ALTERNATES ALSO.

**DENOUNCE SECRETARY WILSON**  
APPEAL TO PRESIDENT TAFT TO BLOT OUT WHAT IS TERMED A NATIONAL DISGRACE.

Reverends Moore, Sandford and Vermilya Were Elected Delegates to the General Conference and Evernara Robertson, Halfyard and MacNamara Alternates—Are After Secretary Wilson's Scalp.

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## VERY LONELY IS GRAVE OF JOE ROLETTE

EDITOR WARDWELLS COMPLAINS IS RECEIVING A HEARING AT ST. PAUL.

SHOULD HAVE A TABLET PLACE IN THE MINNESOTA CAPITOL IN MEMORY OF HIS DARING DEED.

The Capitol at St. Paul was His Gift. It Should be His Monument But the Pembina Pioneer Press Says That Not Even so Much as a Wooden Cross Marks the Grave of the Great Founder.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 19.—In his current issue the editor of the Pembina N. D., Pioneer-Express complains bitterly because a tablet in memory of Joe Rolette was not placed in Minnesota's new Capitol.

Neither is his grave on the North Dakota prairie, near the junction of the Pembina river with the Red marked by even so much as a wooden cross, says the editor, who suggests that St. Paul provide a suitable monument for his grave.

Rolette has not been forgotten in St. Paul. In the most conspicuous place in the Minnesota club, where it must be seen by all members and their guests and where it is also frequently remarked upon by those who pass the club building, is a life-size oil painting of the famous scout, buffalo hunter and politician. A duplicate of this picture is also in the possession of the State Historical society, and their files in its files the complete history of Rolette's exploits.

The biography of Mr. Rolette shows that he died in Pembina in 1871, but Warren Upham, the secretary, said he knew nothing of his grave. But here is the editor of the Pembina Pioneer-Express says about the matter: "A Lonely Grave."

There is a lonely grave unmarked by even a wooden cross out in a lonesome prairie cemetery not far from where the Pembina river joins the Red. It is the grave of a noted frontiersman, buffalo hunter and fur trader. A pioneer who stood for his people as a leader among them and who represented them as such in legislative halls. Simple hearted, jovial Joe Rolette sleeps in a grave almost unknown. Once his string of shooting Red River carts was the event of the year in the little city of St. Paul. Once no name was better known or more often spoken than Joe Rolette, but no marble slab has the name engraved on it.

In the city of St. Paul on an eminence which is a noted landmark, a recent pile of polished marble. It is a building that cost \$5,000,000 and in scope and detail equals almost any building in America. It is the pride of every citizen of the state and the particular pride of the St. Paul people, and the show place of the city. Every stranger is conducted through its magnificent halls and up the beautiful stairway from one splendidly appointed room to another. Portraits adorn the walls, beautiful pictures are painted above the alcoves, flags of the Civil war veterans are there. But nowhere is the picture of the man who made the capitol building possible—in St. Paul. Rolette's Daring Deed.

The story is well known to historians. The capitol of Minnesota was by act of legislature removed from St. Paul to St. Peter but the bill was never signed by the governor for during the last ten days of the session the bill which was in the custody of a committee of which Joe Rolette was a member, and Joe himself disappeared.

In the building of this grand structure surely one small slab of marble could have well been spared from the thousands of beautiful blocks to place as a headstone to mark the ashes of one who did so much for St. Paul and in his own simple way did so much for the great northwest.

Capitol Site Monument.  
But be that as it may, no man has a more magnificent monument than Joe Rolette. The Capitol at St. Paul was his gift and in a sense his mausoleum. St. Paul and the rest of the world may forget the man, but when they admire the gift, they must perforce be grateful to the giver.

If St. Paul pioneers who yet remember the genial Joe can find the sentiment and money for a proper marking of the resting place of this old pioneer of the pioneers, Pembina citizens will be pleased to put it in place.

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