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OFFICIAL PAPER OF RAMSEY COUNTY.

We hardly believe that it was either wise or fair for the new board of county commissioners to reduce the salaries of all the clerks and deputies in the court house at this time. In the first place the various county officials must have competent help. They must have deputies and clerks who are both morally and financially responsible, and who are competent bookkeepers and accountants. These clerks and deputies must give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties. We do not believe that there was ever a time when it cost more to live in Devils Lake, or for that matter any North Dakota city. Under the present cost of living no man with a family can pay house rent and live in even a comfortable manner on \$75 to \$85 per month. The average printer in this city gets over \$90 per month, and from that up to \$130 per month according to his ability. Nearly every class of labor is paid more according to ability, than the clerks and deputies in our court house. There is no reason why Ramsey county should not pay a reasonable compensation for the services rendered by its officials and clerks, and we feel that the wages they were receiving before the commissioners cut them down \$10 per month was none too much. Think of hiring a competent bookkeeper and accountant and putting him under bonds to the county and asking him to work and support his family for \$85 a month.

The North Dakota Supreme court recently cited to appear before that body a Fargo editor, charging him with contempt of court, and he was fined and imprisoned. The editor in question should read the case of the State of North Dakota, 149 N. W. 965, opinion by Judge Fisk and concurred in by Judges Goss and Spaulding, and the dissenting opinion by Judge Bruce, concurred in by Judge Burke. Judge Fisk in the majority opinion reverses the judgment of conviction and among other things says: "Surely no lawyer would contend aiding and abetting would justify a conviction under the law," etc. Then we turn to the dissenting opinion of Judge Bruce and find the following language: "It seems to me to be the summit of absurdity to say that one may furnish the means and reap the profits of running a nuisance and yet not be liable" etc. In other words Judges Fisk, Goss and Spaulding hold that no law would contend that under the facts in the case the defendant was guilty, while Judges Bruce and Burke say that it seems to them to be the summit of absurdity to say he is not guilty. Thus it appears to us that we have a majority of the court charging the minority with being no lawyers, and a minority gets back at the majority by charging them with having reached the summit of absurdity. We presume that the Fargo editor in question would be willing to concur in both opinions.

Last evening Moike, the janitor, broke into print through the columns of his pet organ, to defend the commissioners in their action in making him court house janitor. Undoubtedly Moike deems it quite an honor to mop the floors and clean the spittoons for the republican office holders who hold forth at the court house. For pity sake let him have his job and hold it in peace. The democrats have promised him everything from United States marshal down, and they finally succeeded in landing him as "official spittoon cleaner" at the court house at \$65 per. Moike claims to have been in the county for over thirty years and judging from the noise he makes we would have believed him if he had said that it was a hundred years. And during all these thirty years he has climbed the ladder of fame until he has reached that dizzy height where he can content himself with juggling cuspidors. Should he live here thirty years more and advance himself as rapidly as he has in the past it is hard to tell just where he might land. Sure thing, let Moike have his job; we don't know of anyone who is better fitted for the position. He makes a good flunky for the republican office holders.

In the selection of Rollo F. Hunt as president of our Commercial Club for the coming year, we feel that a wise choice was made. Mr. Hunt is one of our rising young business men, and one who enjoys the confidence and respect of all. The balance of the officers selected are all men of ability, and we believe that the whole set of officials will work in harmony and for the upbuilding of the club. The past administration has conducted the affairs of the club in a safe and economical manner, and a final report shows a balance in the treasury after all bills have been paid which have been incurred during the past year. And besides this considerable money has been paid out for old bills which were incurred by a former administration. The commercial club is a good institution for any city and we hope to see this one grow and prosper, as we believe that it will under the management of the newly elected officers. President Kelly and his corps of officers who step down and out to make room for the new ones are deserving of much credit for the way affairs have been managed during the past year.

The matter of amending our state hail insurance law is already up before the legislature and we hope and trust that this matter will receive the proper attention. We believe that this law should be so amended that it would be compulsory to insure with the state. Every farmer should have some hail protection and the cheapest way to get it is to levy a small tax on all tillable land. If such a law were in effect there is no question but what all farmers would get reliable hail protection on their crops at a very small cost, compared with the price they pay now. During the past twenty years we believe that millions of dollars have been paid for hail insurance on crops, over and above what has been returned for losses. This money might just as well be kept at home among the farmers. We hope to see the legislature formulate and enact a compulsory state hail insurance law before it adjourns.

We notice that some of the state papers have made the statement that A. M. Christiansen, the newly elected member of our Supreme Court, was not going to take his seat in that body until all business had been cleaned up, and that about all the cases in that body had been disposed of. Just why this statement should be made we can hardly see. We have it from reliable information that the Supreme Court of this state is about 200 cases behind, and that if there were no new ones to come in it would take the court about two years to catch up. One firm of attorneys in this city states that they have twelve cases up before this court, and that none of them are disposed of so far as they know. We believe that if the matter is thoroughly looked up that instead of being practically caught up with their work, our Supreme Court is badly behind.

If the House of Representatives at Bismarck is composed of as

big a bunch of "mutts" as the Senate has proven itself to be, there is a possibility that the state will have another burden shouldered upon it in the way of a fourth normal school. The senate today passed a bill for such a school to be located at Dickinson. The vote in the senate stood 38 to 7. The state today is in financial distress, simply because we are supporting more educational institutions than we need. Rather than establish another normal school in this state it would be policy to shut off one or two of those which we now have. If the present legislature succeeds in foisting another normal school onto the taxpayers of the state they will have done us a bigger injury than they can repair during the balance of the session. It is simply an imposition on the taxpayers of the state to think of creating any more educational institutions at this time.

One of the very serious problems confronting our state legislature is the appropriation of money for the maintenance of our state educational institutions. We have too many educational institutions in this state, and our law makers would do well to cut out a few of them. Just simply pass them up without any appropriation and let them close up, turn the buildings over to the county in which they are located and if they so desire turn them into some kind of county enterprise. Our state is overburdened with taxes for some of these institutions which are not needed, and the sooner they are cut out the better it will be.

The newspaper boys of the state will note with pleasure the appointment of W. L. Holbein of the Lansford Journal, as secretary of the North Dakota commission to the San Francisco exposition. Mr. Holbein is a most capable gentleman and will fill the position in good shape.

Is your exhibit ready for the mid-winter fair? If not, get busy at once. This will be the best fair of its kind ever held in the Lake Region, and the more varied the exhibits the better the fair will be.

### JUST THE FACTS.

North Dakota need only get the facts before the prospective settlers of this nation in order to start a steady stream of immigration. Statistics compiled by the federal department of agriculture tell more potently than anything else the advantages of this state.

This state leads all in the production of spring wheat. Of 206,000,000 bushels raised in this nation, 81,592,000 came from North Dakota farms. It is second in the production of all wheat, rivaled only by Kansas whose large acreage of winter wheat gives her first place.

North Dakota is fourth in the production of oats; third in barley and first in flaxseed. These tell the story. What better "pullers" for settlers?

### THE COST OF WAR.

There are many elements that enter into the cost of war. It is fairly easy to reckon up the daily expenses of the armies—so many million for this nation, so many for that, so much apiece for the others and then add it all together. Also there is to be considered the expense of those neutral nations that have to keep unusually large forces under arms owing to their nearness to and relations with the belligerents.

The loss of human life also can be arrived at numerically, but here an intangible element enters, no method of accurately determining the value of a life or the cost of suffering ever having been discovered.

But there is another cost which must be considered—that due to loss of trade on account of the war, and this affects both belligerents and neutrals. Commerce Reports gives some startling figures on this point, using Italy as an example. According to these figures, Italy's imports from Germany for the six months ending July 31 last, were considerably over eleven million dollars a month. The war began in August, and these same imports for September were only three millions.

Italy's imports from England during the first half of the year were worth a little more than ten millions a month; in September they were down to five and three quarter millions. And a seventy-five per cent shrinkage is shown for the same periods in the imports to Italy from France and Austria.

As an investment, it must be conceded that war is a dismal failure.

## BIRDHOUSE CONTEST at the Big Mid-Winter Fair

The following article by the celebrated writer, Dr. Crane, should be an inspiration to young America in the Lake Region to take advantage of the Birdhouse Contest which will be conducted at the Midwinter Fair in this city. The prizes, of which there are three, ranging from \$4 down, are offered by the local Junior Audubon Society.

### BE A BIRD LANDLORD.

Do you know your bird neighbors? If not, why not get acquainted? It will repay you, not only in that delight which all knowledge gives, but in a wider sympathy with Nature and her wondrous lives, in a cheering acquaintance with the shy brotherhood of winged things, in a spiritual companionship with the little people of air, who always symbolize to us hope, optimism, and the brighter qualities of existence.

To take your gun and kill the air neighbors is brutal, stupid—and you ought to be ashamed of it. Take a pair of opera glasses instead, and do a little "watchful waiting" in a corner of the shrubbery. Learn to know the various uniforms of the aerial companions, the blue, gray, yellow, and red, the various tufts, tails and topknots, that are vastly more interesting than soldiers' regalia and the battlefield, or woman's hats and the Champs Elysees.

Speaking of hats, is it not incredible that countless valuable insect-eating birds, who are our greatest defense against the worms and bugs that destroy a billion dollars' worth of crops annually in the United States, are destroyed that their feathers may decorate woman's headgear?

After you come to know your bird friends, take measures to provide for their comfort. Be a bird landlord. Put up houses for them. You will get an amazing rental in the spectacle of happy lives, not in money but in cheeps and chirrups, glimpses of fluttering wings through the sunny air, and a knowledge that in many a cozy nest are little beings which, were it not for your charity, might be devoured by ferocious cats or frozen stiff or dead with hunger by the roadside.

Martens will live, like human beings, in skyscrapers or apartment houses in miniature. Jenny Wren likes seclusion, away from prying neighbors; a single gourd or tomato can may do, and she has been known to bring up her little ones in a sprinkling can or a mail box. The log cabin made from a hollow limb is preferred by the Flicker and Numach families. Robins and Phoebes go in for open sleeping porches; and Bluebirds like "roof gardens, whence they can easily fly out and in.

"Turn the openings of the bird houses away from the prevailing north winds," says an authority, "and don't forget to sheathe the posts or poles that support them with tin or galvanized iron to prevent cats from climbing up."

If you want specifications for building bird houses you can get

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# January Sale Linens and White Goods

Will continue for the balance of this week. Make a careful survey of your stock of linens and white goods, then come here and replenish it at this sale.

### Table Linens

64 in. Mercerized Damask, special this sale, per yd.....	.39
68 in. all linen half bleached, special, per yd.....	.79
70 in. bleached all linen Damask, this sale.....	.79
70 in. bleached all linen Damask, \$1.25 values,.....	.98
70 and 72 inch bleached, all linen Satin Damask splendid quality, \$1.35 and \$1.50 values.....	1.15
72 in. bleached, all linen Satin Damask superb quality, \$1.65 value, this sale.....	1.39

### Table Napkins

1 lot all Linen Napkins, this sale, half dozen for.....	.49
All other Linen Napkins this sale 15 PER CENT OFF	

### Lunch Cloths, Scarfs

Center Doilies, Tea Cloths, Tray Cloths, January sale	
20 PER CENT OFF	

### Table Padding

54 in. white Quilted Padding, \$1.00 value.....	.85
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### White Goods

25c India Linen, this sale.....	.19
20c and 22c Persian lawn, this sale.....	.17
45c white Waisting material, 28 in. wide, sale.....	.25
32 in. white Butchers Linen, this sale.....	.12 1/2
36 in. plain Irish Linen, splendid quality, 50c value, this sale.....	.39

### Muslin Underwear

Splendid assortment of Gowns, Slips, Combination Suits, Drawers, etc.	
25 PER CENT OFF	

### Muslin Sheetings

9-4 fine Aurora Sheeting, dark and half bleached, Jan. sale.....	.26
36 in. fine quarter bleached Muslin, January sale.....	.08
36 in. bleached Muslin, 12 1-2c quality, sale.....	.09
35 in. unbleached Muslin, 10c quality, sale price.....	.08

### Sheets and Pillow Cases

Size 72x90 Seamless Sheets, fine quality, each.....	.65
42x35 Pillow cases, this sale, each.....	.12
42x36 Pillow cases, this sale, each.....	.16
45x36 Pillow cases, this sale, each.....	.19

### Crash Toweling

17 in. Crash Toweling, good quality, January sale.....	.08
18 in. ur.bleached Crash Toweling, 18c quality.....	.14
20 1-2 in. unbleached Crash Toweling, superior quality, this sale.....	.17
19 in. bleached Crash Toweling, splendid quality, this sale.....	.15
1 Lot nice Hand Towels, January sale, per dozen.....	.39
1 Lot large Bath Towels, 45c and 50c value, each.....	.39

### Cotton Batts

15c Cotton Batts, this sale, each.....	.12
10c Cotton Batts, this sale, each.....	.08

### Embroideries

Narrow Edgings, Bandings, narrow and wide Flouncings, All overs etc.	
25 PER CENT OFF	

# Big Gingham Sale, Monday, Jan. 18

2000 yards of nice Ginghams will be placed on sale for one day only. This is a splendid lot of Ginghams, 27 inches wide, patterns are plain, light and dark plaids, light and dark stripes and the price is going to be very small.

SAMPLES WILL BE MAILED UPON REQUEST

them free by applying to the United States government at Washington.

Help the little wanderers that are being destroyed by their natural enemies the hunters; though nothing is said in Holy Writ about being rewarded for this in heaven, you may be sure that you will get your reward on earth each day by an added interest in life, by the pleasure of protecting "our little sisters, the birds," and at the same time doing real service for human beings.

To encourage the putting up of bird houses the Mid-Winter Fair will give away the following prizes in cash:

A prize of four dollars for the best marten house of six rooms or more.

A prize of three dollars for the second best marten house of six rooms or more.

A prize of two dollars for the best single room wren house, material not specified.

All marten houses must have not less than six rooms; but be given not less than two coats of paint, and houses that receive prizes are to become the property of the Junior Audubon Society.

Each house must bear a tag giving name, age and address of the builder, and must be delivered, prepaid to the Junior Audubon Society at Devils Lake not later than Jan. 26, at the Girls' and Boys' Booth, Mid-Winter Fair. Further information may be had by application to Mrs. Wm. Falger, Devils Lake.

### MARKET REPORT

Quotations for Thursday, Jan. 14, 1916, as furnished by the Farmers' Mill and Elevator Co., Devils Lake, North Dakota:

Wheat—  
No. 1 Northern 128.  
No. 2 Northern 125.  
No. 3 Northern 120.

Durum—  
No. 1 Durum wheat 143.  
No. 2 Durum wheat 139.

Flax—  
No. 1 Flax 169.  
No. 2 Flax 166.

Oats—  
No. 3 White oats 42.  
No. 4 oats 39.

Barley—  
"C" barley 52.  
"D" barley 49.  
"E" barley 46.  
"F" Barley 43.

Rye—  
No. 2 rye 99.  
No. 3 rye 96.

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