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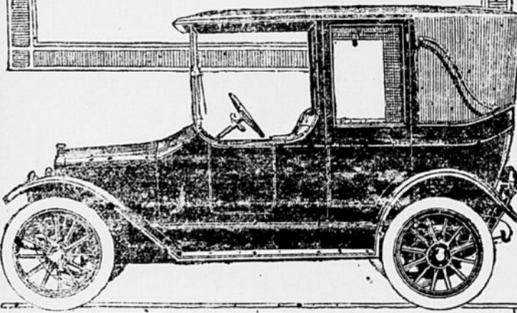
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PROBING BOARD OF CONTROL

Joint Committee Still Looking Into Charges Preferred by Several Citizens of Jamestown.

Bismarck—(Special)—The final day for the introduction of bills saw an avalanche of measures that practically took the place of all other business for the day in both houses. In the house 112 bills were introduced and referred to committee. The senate, being more dignified and less precipitate in its actions, restrained itself and was content with introducing eighty-five measures and referring them. This practically ends the introduction of bills of a general nature. There will naturally be some committee bills and the budget bills will have to come from the appropriations committees, but the number cannot be great. So far we have had 313 bills introduced in the senate and 462 in the house. Of these a quick estimate would seem to show that one-third had been killed, still leaving a tidy number for the solons to wrestle with during the remainder of the session. Of the bills which have passed both houses the governor has signed twenty-five.

Investigating Yet—The opening session of the joint committee appointed to investigate the charges against the state board of control of penal and charitable institutions was held at the office of the governor in the capitol. It will be remembered that these charges were preferred by three Jamestown citizens and are of quite a serious nature. The governor, secretary of state and state auditor were on the stand and the testimony was made a matter of record. The board of control bases its defense upon the authority granted it by the emergency board to expend the state's money in a manner other than that provided by the law making the appropriation. For that reason the emergency board has been drawn into the affair, to the extent that the question has been raised as to whether there was, under the law as it stands, an emergency such as the law contemplates before it could act. Indeed the whole point of the investigation now bears upon the meaning of the word emergency. Was there an emergency sufficient to demand the taking of \$100,000 appropriated for the building of a tuberculosis hospital for use in building a farmhouse, a detention hospital and fixing up the administration building? That is the issue. It is evident that there is no issue upon the payment of \$10,000 or more to Sam F. Crabbe, a civil engineer of Fargo, for his work in superintending the new building. The law provided a straight salary of \$1,500 per annum. But the response is that a civil engineer, much less a regular architect, cannot be engaged at such a salary. Therefore the necessity of paying more. After the hearing at the capitol adjournment was taken to Jamestown, where the committee will examine the state property, see the work done, hear witnesses and listen to argument of counsel. Former Attorney General Miller is appearing as counsel for the boards.

A Petition—Senator Steele of Jamestown presented a petition bearing upon the investigation, which was signed by 118 residents of Jamestown. The petition recited that the signers believe that an injustice is being done Sam F. Crabbe; that the work of the board of control has been well done; that Dr. Hotchkiss, the present superintendent of the asylum, is efficient, honest and painstaking, and that the charges are not grounded in sincerity of purpose. Of the whole number seventy-eight sign approving the whole petition, while forty sign only to approve that part of the petition with reference to Dr. Hotchkiss. Evidently there is a division of opinion in Jamestown.

Curbing the Judges—Stale Hendrickson's proposed amendment to the constitution, providing that the supreme court must render a unanimous decision before it can declare a statute unconstitutional, passed the senate with flying colors. It then passed at the next session and then to the people. Meantime L. L. Twitchell wants a constitutional convention called to meet in Bismarck in June, 1916, just when the primary campaign is getting hot, as house bill 456 specifies. We have with us again, after a season of neglect, a proposed amendment to the constitution to provide for the recall of all elective officials. We had the same in 1911, but overlooked it entirely when it came up for passage in 1913. Perhaps a constitutional convention would fix these little matters and the four-year terms for officials and other remedial offered.

Investigated, and a report made as to their work, before any legislation looking to the abolition of the commission is introduced or considered seriously. Senator Heckle's bill is in line with the veto message of the governor, made in 1913, when he attempted to wipe out the appropriation made for the tax commission. This was afterwards overturned by a decision in the supreme court.

Suggestions—While on the subject of reducing the expense of government by cutting down the number of salaried officers and offices it is plain to be seen that the legislative mind is working toward that end. We have measures which propose the creation of one man to handle the board of control work, at a salary; to abolish the position of secretary to the board of railroad commissioners and requiring one of the members to act as secretary; to do away with the state fire marshal; to wipe out the game warden and let the sheriffs and deputies do the work. Such a trimming up of the plum trees may make it look neater, but many stand aghast at the short crop that would result.

Official Pig Catcher—House bill 71, by C. W. Moses of Pembina county, has furnished about as much fireworks as any single bit of proposed legislation. That is a measure to provide for the appointment by the governor of an official to be known as state enforcement commissioner and appropriating \$5,000 for maintenance. As is well known the sheriff, being an elective officer and needing votes, is not inclined to get a large number of the voters indignant at him for "going out of his way" to catch illicit liquor dealers, commonly known as blind pigs. Therefore the piggers flourish wherever popular sentiment favors them. To meet that situation citizens have contributed for many years to the support of an enforcement officer. They have grown weary of it and now demand that the state take up the burden of enforcing its own laws. Hence Mr. Moses' bill. Hence also the prohibitionists and the anti and the liberty league men have been mingling, as it were, and the lobbying has been strenuous. The bill came out of the committee of the whole in the house with a recommendation that it "do pass," and there was joy in prohibitionistdom.

Congressional Districts—It appears that the present division of the state into three congressional districts by two lines running north and south does not suit everybody. Mr. Haralson has a measure which would leave the Red River Valley district numbered one, as it now is, but would change the line dividing districts two and three to run east and west. The object would be to throw Congressman Norton and Young in the same district—thus nullifying one or the other of them, and giving an opening to some Barkis from the northwest corner of the state. The bill is not likely to pass. But with this legislature the most unlikely things happen.

Stop Hanging—A bill is being given serious consideration—house No. 32—to make the penalty for murder in the first degree life imprisonment instead of hanging. The advantage of this is that under the old law there was no chance for pardon after the rope had been stretched, whereas under the proposed measure the pardoning board could help a little. Complaint has been general over the number of pardons granted by the board, and a number of bills have been introduced by the subcommittee of the judiciary and state affairs committees of the senate restricting this power both as to pardons and paroles. If life imprisonment meant a life sentence, North Dakotans are not bloodthirsty and would not demand hanging.

Oil Inspection—By some curious oversight the measure which proposed to cut down the state's charge for inspection of oils imported into the state from 25 cents to 7 1/2 cents a barrel had also some other important changes worked into it, among these being a nice raise in salary for all inspectors, provision for deputies at increased salaries and an increase for the chief inspector, as well as certain changes in the tests required. It went through the senate that way unnoticed and might have gone further had not Hal Davies, a well known newspaperman, investigated and given the matter publicity. The bill was called back from the house and changed back to the original provisions of the present law and is once more in the house waiting for passage.

Proposals Wanted—Bids for Burial of County Poor. Sealed proposals will be received by the board of county commissioners at the county court house, Devils Lake, N. D., on or before 2 o'clock P. M., February 19th, 1915, for furnishing of material, labor and necessary services for the proper burial of paupers and county poor. Bids must cover total cost in each case cover rough box, coffin, robe, digger, grave, embalming, team hire, etc. in fact must cover total cost so clearly in each case above enumerated. All bids must be sealed and plainly marked "Proposals for Burial of County Poor" and addressed to the undersigned. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Noticed in the terms and conditions of that certain mortgage, made, executed and delivered by Christian J. Graber and Frenk Graber, his wife, mortgagors, to Emily R. Smith Haseltine, mortgagee bearing date the 9th day of April 1910, and filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Ramsey county, North Dakota, on the 4th day of June 1910, and there recorded in book "44" of mortgages at page 535 and there after duly assigned by instrument in writing to the North Dakota Mortgage Co., a corporation, which said assignment bears date May 3rd 1910, and was on the said 4th day of June 1910, duly filed for record in the office of the register of deeds in and for Ramsey county, North Dakota, and recorded in book 51, of mortgages at page 19, will be foreclosed by the sale of the premises in said mortgage and hereinafter described at the front door of the court house in the city of Devils Lake, in the said county of Ramsey and state of North Dakota, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the 1st day of March, 1915, to satisfy the amount due on such mortgage at the date of sale, together with the sum of \$47.84 taxes paid by said North Dakota Mortgage Co. to redeem said premises from sale for 1910 taxes thereon.

The premises described in said mortgage and which will be sold to satisfy the same are situated in the county of Ramsey and state of North Dakota, and described as follows, to-wit: Lot Four (4) and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter (SW 1-4 NW 1-4) of section five (5) and lot one (1) and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter (SE 1-4 NE 1-4) of section six (6), all in township one hundred fifty-eight (158) north of Range sixty-three (63) west.

There will be due on such mortgage at the date of sale, including taxes, interest and costs, the sum of \$1365.35, together with statutory attorney's fees and the costs of this foreclosure.

Dated this 14th day of January, A. D. 1915. North Dakota Mortgage Co., Assignee of Mortgage. Dickson & Devaney, Attorneys for assignee of mortgage. Landon, North Dakota.

NOTICE OF EXECUTION

Judgment having been made and given on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1913, in an action in the district court of Ramsey county, North Dakota, wherein the state of North Dakota was plaintiff and Joe Roadhouse was defendant, in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant in the sum of \$640.00, which said judgment was duly filed in the office of the Clerk of the District Court in and for said Ramsey county, North Dakota, on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1913; notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued in said action under date of the 10th day of February, A. D. 1915, directed to me to satisfy the amount of said judgment out of the personal property of the said judgment debtor within my county if sufficient personal property can be found, and in the event sufficient personal property cannot be found then out of the real property in my county belonging to said judgment debtor; and not having found sufficient personal property belonging to said judgment debtor to satisfy the said judgment, I have levied upon the in after described real property which I will offer for sale and sell at public auction at the front door of the Ramsey county Court House in the city of Devils Lake, Ramsey County, North Dakota, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 13th day of March, A. D. 1915, to satisfy the amount due upon said judgment and the costs accrued and accruing on said sale.

The real property levied upon under said writ of execution and which will be sold to satisfy said judgment is situated in Ramsey county, North Dakota, and described as follows: The South Half (S 1/2) of Lot Five (5) of Block Two (2) in the village of Deyon, according to the original plat of said townsite on file in the office of the register of deeds of said county. The amount due on the day of sale will be the sum of \$640.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7 per cent per annum since the 11th day of November, A. D. 1913, and costs of execution and sale.

Dated this 11th day of February, A. D. 1915. MARTIN OLSEN, Sheriff of Ramsey County, N. D.

Cuthbert & Smythe, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Citation, Hearing Petition to Establish Right of Heirship to Real Property.

State of North Dakota, County of Ramsey— In County Court, Before Hon. E. H. Griffin, Judge. In the matter of the estate of Peter T. Ruder, Deceased. Thomas Ruder, Petitioner.

Bertha Hilty, Annie Serungard, Lena Haley, Ole Ruder, Emily Ruder, Hannah Brown and Marlin Olson, and all other persons unknown claiming any estate or interest in or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the petition or against the estate of said deceased, respondents.

The State of North Dakota to the above named Respondents, and all other persons unknown claiming any estate, or interest in, or lien or encumbrance upon the property described in the petition or against the estate of said deceased: You, and each of you, are hereby notified that Thomas Ruder has filed in the county court of the said county of Ramsey, state of North Dakota, a duly verified petition praying for a decree ascertaining and establishing the right of succession to the real estate within the county of Ramsey and state of North Dakota, of which Peter T. Ruder, late of the city of Devils Lake in the county of Ramsey and state of North Dakota died seized; which real estate is described as follows, to-wit: the east one-half of the southeast quarter of section 3, township 158, range 62, and lot 11 of block 10 of the south half of lot 10 of block 10 of the city of Devils Lake, N. D.

And that Saturday the 20th day of March, A. D. 1915, at one o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the court room of this court, at the court house in the city of Devils Lake county of Ramsey and state of North Dakota, has been set by order of this said court as the time and place of hearing said petition; at which time and place any person interested may appear and object to the granting of said petition.

And you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required then and there to be and appear before this said court and show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT

To Clara E. Faust and A. R. Faust, her husband. Please take notice, that you have defaulted in the performance of the conditions on your part to be performed in and between you and each of you of date January 12, 1911, whereby you contracted to purchase from the undersigned those certain premises situated in Ramsey county and state of North Dakota known and described as the North forty feet of lot 14, in block 6, of Cleveland & Kennedy's addition to the city of Devils Lake, Ramsey county, North Dakota as the same is officially platted and recorded, and agreed and covenanted therein to pay to the undersigned J. A. Shannon, the owner of said premises, certain sums therein specified as and for the purchase price thereof, which were represented by promissory notes of said date made and delivered by you to the undersigned in the amount of \$625.00 and \$1500.00 respectively and a cash payment of the sum of \$500.00, said promissory note for \$525.00 being payable in monthly installments of \$7.50 and said \$1500.00 note in monthly installments of \$22.50, each monthly in advance and wherein you further agreed to insure said property in the sum of \$2,000.00 and further to pay all taxes assessed against said property and to keep and maintain the same.

Your default consists in non-payment of three years' taxes and non-payment of insurance and in not keeping said premises insured in accordance with said premises to become damaged from want of repair and in default of payments due in accordance with said contract.

The undersigned has been obliged to pay three years' taxes and interest which with legal rate of interest to date amounts to \$138.44; also to pay insurance in the amount of \$55.45; to pay the tax-cost of said premises the sum of \$5.75; and

You are in default in back payments on the amount of \$500.00, said promissory note for \$500.00, making a total amount of \$407.55.

You are notified hereby that said contract for said premises will be cancelled and terminated on the expiration of thirty days from the date of this notice upon you, if within that time you do not pay to the undersigned the amount aforesaid, together with the costs of preparing and serving this notice.

Dated January 12, 1915. J. A. SHANNON, Middaugh & Hunt, Attorneys, Devils Lake, N. D.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

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