

MR. TAXPAYER! According to the financial statement of this city appearing in Wednesday's Journal, it cost \$23,818.12 to run the city less than one year. Only \$1,227.21 of this amount was for permanent improvements. \$7,766.15, or about One-third of all Our Taxes, Was For Salaries Alone.

How Our Taxes Have Increased: In 1911 the levy was \$25,300; in 1912 it was \$26,850; in 1913 it was \$31,773; in 1914 it was \$32,900, or \$7,600 MORE IN 1914 THAN 1911. These figures food for thought.

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RAMSEY COUNTY FARMER COMMITTS TERRIBLE DEED

SHOOTS WOMAN TWICE, AND RAVISHES DAUGHTER. WOMAN LEFT ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Last Friday evening there was a terrible crime committed in this county southwest of Doyon, when Mike Ulick, a young farmer about 27 years old, rode up behind a rig containing Mrs. Bernard Wessels and her two daughters and deliberately fired two shots at the mother, hitting her in the head both times, and then after she tumbled from the rig, he left her in the public highway, got into the rig with the daughters, one of them being about 18 years old and the other one a little girl, and after driving a distance assaulted the older daughter, and then went to his home. Saturday morning he drove to Lakota, where Sheriff Olson of this county arrested him as he was about to enter a restaurant for dinner. No sooner was the crime committed than the news of the same was spread and the sheriff of this county was notified and he with his deputies started at once to scour the country. Sheriff Olson got word that he had driven to Lakota, and accordingly drove there and arrested him as above stated, and he is now in the Ramsey county jail, pending the outcome of the shooting.

Owing to the fact that the crime was committed on the county road between Ramsey and Nelson counties, there is some question as to which county will prosecute the case. Ulick came to this county about twelve years ago from Long Prairie, Minn., and has lived and farmed on the Jess Kelly farm near Hamar. He has paid attentions to the Wessels girl for some time, and the terrible tragedy is the culmination of his attention to the daughter, which was objected to by the mother. Those who know him speak highly of his past record, and many believed that he had brooded over his love affair until his mind had become unbalanced.

Martin Brekke of Edmore was in the city Saturday and Sunday. He left for McGregor, N. D., where he was called by the death of a sister. Mr. Brekke's many friends will be sorry to learn of his bereavement.

All kinds of legal blanks at the World office.

WIFE DESERTER TAKEN AT PORTAL

Portal, N. D., James Clarkson, alias Frank McClaud, was arrested here by Sheriff Heath of Bowbells. Clarkson arrived in Portal yesterday from Cabri, Sask., in the company of a young girl under age, whom he said was his cousin. The couple evaded the United States authorities on this side and securing a livery team, immediately drove to Faxton, where they spent the night together. These suspicious actions were reported to the government officers, who ordered their return to Portal, but Clarkson and his companion evidently feared trouble and drove to Lignite, where they were taken into custody by Sheriff Heath and Deputy Drinkwater and brought to Portal.

When released by the American officers here, Clarkson was immediately arrested again by the sheriff on a serious charge and was taken to Minot to be placed in the county jail there.

The mounted police also want Clarkson for a long list of offenses committed in Canada. It is reported he is wanted at Cabri for wife desertion, theft and abduction, the latter charge being brought by the father of the girl now in his company. Clarkson refused to waive extradition formalities and will be held on this side until the necessary arrangements can be made to deliver him to the Canadian officers.

Clarkson who is an American by birth, has lived under the name of James McClaud in Canada. In recounting his experience in both countries, he admits practically every offense from the greatest felony to misdemeanor. Although but a young man between 25 and 30 years of age, his criminal record is almost that of a desperado of the most vicious type. If convicted of all the charges for which he is wanted in Canada Clarkson will be liable to fourteen years in the penitentiary at Regina or Prince Rupert. Before being taken to Minot tonight, Clarkson said: "I will never be taken to Canada alive," which is taken as an intimation that he will perhaps attempt self-destruction rather than face the charges for which he is wanted in Saskatchewan.

A STATEMENT

To the Taxpayers of Devils Lake City:

As there is an election coming on next Tuesday, and considerable has been said by some parties, about how the city has been run in the past and the splendid financial condition of the same, we deem it only fair to the taxpayers that they should know just how much it has cost to run the city each year for the past four years, and what has been collected in taxes from our taxpayers.

When the Commission form of government took over the business of the city the old council turned over to the city commissioners in cash the sum of \$13,151.00, and later on the County Auditor turned over to them \$8,397.42, which was due from 1912 taxes, making a total of \$21,548.42 that the city commissioners received from the old council. During the past four years the following levy have been made for the general fund of the city:

Levy under council system, 1911, \$25,300
Levy under council system, 1912, \$26,850
Levy under Com. system, 1913, \$31,773
Levy under Com. system, 1914, \$32,900.

Therefore there was \$12,523 more levied for general purposes in the city for the years 1913 and 1914, than there was for the two years previous, under the council system, and this in face of the fact that all street crossings had practically been newly built, and the fire hall had been completed, and many other improvements been made before the city commission took over the city affairs.

The following levies in mills were made for general purposes:

In 1911, 22.1 mills,
In 1912, 22.2 mills,
In 1913, 24.6 mills,
In 1914, 25.35 mills.

So you can readily see that our taxes have been continually increasing, and where the end is no one knows.

The actual amount of cash received and turned over to the city commissioners since they took office is \$74,459.71.

(Signed) H. N. HALGREN,
Chairman of Finance Committee under Council System.

On March 30, 1915, there was in the general fund in the city the sum of \$22,720.65, and not something like \$40,000 which the Journal would have its readers believe. And this amount is not a surplus, as some might think, but money which must be necessarily used to run the city for this year.

It is easy to have money in the treasury, if the rate of taxation is made higher from year to year, but the question is, does taxpayers feel that the rate of taxation should be boosted from year to year?

The rate of taxation in the city of Devils Lake this year is 72.2 mills, while in Grand Forks city it is only 63.6 mills and in Fargo it is only 55.3 mills. Fargo and Grand Forks have all the modern conveniences, such as filtered water, pavements and other improvements which Devils Lake does not have, and yet their taxation is much less than Devils Lake.

The above statement is actual facts and figures, and are not made to color, or juggle the condition of affairs in the city, but for the purpose of letting the taxpayers know the actual condition of things.

BOVEY-SHUTE LUMBER CO. WILL MOVE OFFICES HERE

SOME RAMSEY CO. STATISTICS

The following statistics relative to the assessed valuation in this county, and the amount of money raised during 1914 taxation is handed us by county auditor J. A. Kramer:

No. acres assessed \$ 740,344.00
Miles railroad in county 218.00
Valuation of personal property 1,298,078.00
Valuation of real estate 5,242,056.00
Railroad valuation 1,404,366.00
Telephone property 34,983.00
Telegraph property 8,618.00
Express property 10,556.00

Total assessed valuation \$7,998,656.00
Taxes levied for all purposes, 1914:
State purposes \$ 34,394.71
County purposes 98,384.86
Township purposes 45,853.74
City and Village 44,832.86
Schools 145,660.40
City Special 20,653.56

Total levy \$389,780.13
About \$170,000.00 of the above amount is used for school purposes.

POPULAR PEOPLE ARE MARRIED

Wednesday, March 31, at the Presbyterian manse in this city, Rev. Albert Torbet spoke the words which joined in the bonds of Holy wedlock Mr. Clyde E. Rush and Miss Ella Mae Chapman. Soon after the marriage ceremony the happy couple left for the east for a wedding trip, after which they will return to Minnewaukan, where they will make their home. The groom is a promising young man, who came to this state from Bingham, Ill., where his parents now live, and operate a large farm of 400 acres. Young Mr. Rush has large farming interests in Benson county, to which he gives his attentions. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Chapman, and is a charming young lady. Their many friends will join in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

SUFFRAGE CAUSE IS STILL ALIVE

Bismarck, N. D., March 30.—That the equal suffrage question is not dead in this state is indicated by the numerous inquiries received by Mrs. Minnie Clarke Budlong, secretary of the state library commission, for data on the question. Most of the requests state that the matter requested is to be used in debates and many of the requests come from the rural communities where there are small debating clubs. Which side is most largely represented is not known as where there are debates both sides of the question are desired.

Mrs. J. O. Nelson and daughter, Miss Alice, of Minot, are the guests of Miss Ida Nelson and Mrs. Anna Schultz of this city.

LARGE RETAIL LUMBER FIRM
WILL MAKE DEVILS LAKE
THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

The Bovey-Shute Lumber Co., one of the largest retail lumber firms in the state, have decided to move their general offices from Minneapolis to Devils Lake, in order that they may be closer to their field of action, and accordingly have leased the entire third floor of the opera house block, and will locate here May 1. This will mean that several families connected with the general offices of this large concern will also move to this city. To get such a concern as this company to our city means much in the developing of the Lake Region, and we feel sure that every citizen will welcome them.

SOOTHING WINE IS CONDEMNED BY U. S. COURT

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Five packages of Moreau's Wine of Anise—labeled in part "Moreau's Wine of Anise Children's Soothing Wine. Each ounce containing one third grain acetate morphine, 8 p. c. alcohol"—was seized at Boston, Mass on recommendation of the Secretary of Agriculture, March 16, 1914. The allegation was that the product was misbranded under the Food and Drugs Act and had been shipped from the state of New Hampshire into the state of Massachusetts.

The misbranding of the product was alleged on two major grounds; first, that the statements on the label regarding the curative and therapeutic effect of the drug and its ingredients were false and fraudulent; and second that the following words on the label, "Moreau's Wine of Anise being compounded with a pure, mild wine, is preferable to any soothing remedy compounded with syrup" would lead the purchaser to believe that the product was a wine, whereas it was not a wine.

The charge that false and fraudulent statements as to the curative effect of the product had been made arose from the fact that the drug and the packages and labels with it contained a statement that the drug was a mild, sweet medicated wine, an excellent remedy for children in cases of diarrhea, dysentery, indigestion, and vomiting, which would lead the purchaser to believe that the drug was a remedy for said ailments, where as the drug was not a remedy for said ailments.

On May 27, 1914, Louis J. Cote, claimant, Berlin, N. H. having filed a claim for the product and filed a satisfactory bond conditioned that the product should not be sold or disposed of contrary to the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, as amended, or the laws of any State, Territory, District or Insular Possession of the United States. The court entered judgement of condemnation, and the goods were delivered to the said claimant upon his payment of the cost of the proceedings.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Knudson of this city are the proud parents of a baby girl, who arrived to bless their home Tuesday, March 30.

THE VALUE OF AN AMERICAN DOLLAR IN THE WORLD'S MONEY MARKET IS TODAY BIGGER THAN EVER BEFORE.



—Hedge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.

A Letter from Devils Lake--not Nebraska

FALSE STATEMENT CORRECTED.

In Wednesday evening's Devils Lake Journal there appeared on the front page a purported letter from D. F. Bangs, who was at one time a resident of this city, but now of Lincoln, Nebraska. We say "purported" because we do not believe that Mr. Bangs would make such a statement, when he might well know the same could be proven false simply by going to the auditor of the county and getting the exact figures. So if Mr. Bangs really wrote such rot to the Journal he should put on his long distance specks and try to discover who has made the error.

The actual facts in the case relative to the assessment of the Bangs block in this city, according to the records in the office of our county auditor are these:

In 1912 instead of the Bangs property being assessed at \$9,900 as stated in the supposed Bangs letter it was assessed at \$10,493, or \$593 more in 1912 than in 1914. In 1914 the rate of taxation for school purposes was 4.75 mills less than in 1912, and here is where comes in the difference. It is not because the city has been run cheaper by any means.

In 1912 there was levied for the general expenses of the city the sum of \$26,850, and in 1914 the levy for the same purposes was \$32,900, or \$6,050 more in 1914 than in 1912.

Now, if each and every citizen paid his just proportion of the taxes, will Mr. Bangs, or the Journal, who is so anxious to misrepresent matters relative to our city government, kindly explain how our taxes would be less to raise \$32,900 than they would to raise \$26,850? At the same rule of figuring the more we have to raise the less our taxes would be, and if we had a million dollars to raise, according to that method, instead of us having any taxes to raise, the city would owe us for our good will.

A TAXPAYER.

MILITARY BALL AT THE ROLLER RINK HALL Easter Monday April 5th