

"FLOUR IS LOW IN PRICE AND WE SHOULD BUY NOW AND HOLD OUR WHEAT" SAYS THIS FARMER

WOULD BE AID TO THE GROWERS

Purchasing By Public Seen As Market Help

FLOUR GOOD BUY Local Retailers Smash Prices In Their Ads

"The best patent flour is retelling in Grand Forks at \$4.60 per hundred," says today's Grand Forks Herald. Bread prices in Grand Forks and elsewhere in the other large cities excluding Devils Lake are declared to be retelling bread at 15 cents a 24 ounce loaf.

"Flour is low now in price and we should buy now and hold our wheat" was the method urged by a prominent farmer here this week to help wheat prices. "It will," he said, "if carried out over the country, have a tendency to strengthen the market and force up the price of wheat." The suggestion carried by the remark brot forth a score of enthusiasts in a few hours. "What is flour worth?" was a common query.

With prices on flour at pre-war levels, the purchasing power of the public, demanding the wheat product was seen as a means of forcing the price of wheat upwards. This, it was said, was a natural possible result of a buying demand throughout the country—if effected. In any event telephonic inquiry made of the retail grocers produced the following retail quotations on Dakota flour, made in Devils Lake by the Farmer's Mill & Elevator Company, generally acknowledged to be the equal of any flour shipped into or delivered on the local market for retail consumption:

Local Flour Quotations	
"Dakota" 98 pound sack	
Pure Food Grocery	\$4.65
Manns	4.70
Kessler's	4.75
C. J. Kelly	4.80
Haig & Nimmo	4.80
East End Grocery	4.80

BUSINESS MEN AFTER FARMER TRADE BY NEW METHODS AGAIN

Municipal Stables Plan Is Pleasing To The Ruralites

The Rotary club of Devils Lake is believed entitled to all credit for initiation of a move that may lead to the city commission erecting municipal stables for the housing of teams belonging to farmers driving to Devils Lake. A committee composed of Hon. J. M. Kelly, Charles Pillsbury and W. N. Nortz have already conferred with the official board of government of the city on the matter. Issuance of a bond is proposed according to reports, to raise finances for the project. Other information declares business men may proceed independently along the same lines.

Already the Bovey, Shute & Jackson company have shed and yard room for teams, designed for the use of patrons of that firm. This concern took the step to care for the teams of its customers nearly two years ago, apparently alive to the fact that if farmer trade was to be attracted to the county seat, it must have some accommodations while here.

Several farmers asked for an opinion on the subject when told of the contemplated plan of which but few had heard, were enthusiastic in expressions of favorable comment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wallace of School avenue, entertained Miss Mabel Wallace of Chicago and Miss Genevieve Wallace of Crookston, Sunday. The misses Wallace are sisters to Mr. Wallace. They are enroute to California to spend the winter.

Local Express Agent Service Has Pleased

Rev. E. E. Test, formerly a Mission worker in this locality and serving as pastor in several rural communities, writing to Express Agent Brown from his new home at Tamarack, Minnesota, gives the latter credit for excellent service here under existing conditions. He says: "My house in Devils Lake was sold and could not be sold, so I decided to return to Minnesota. Have a pastorate of four churches here with a growing opportunity and much better support besides getting away from the chilling winds. "I have appreciated very much the courtesy which you and your office have always shown towards me. Hope I may drop in on you some time."

LEGION WANTS RED TAPE CUT OUT OF PLANS

Will Push Plan For A Consolidation Form

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. — Representatives of the American Legion informed officials of the war risk insurance bureau, the federal board for vocational education and the United States public health service that the Legion proposed to urge measures designed to cut red tape in the bureau and "to compel the government to function" in its dealings with discharged and disabled service men. The legion representatives who met here with the heads of the three bureaus to discuss a plan to combine the work of the bureaus made the position of the legion clear, declaring that it proposed to press for legislation consolidating functions of the three government agencies and doing away with long "winded talk about co-operation and co-ordination." John Sherburne of Boston, a member of the legion committee, admonished the government conferees that if the proposed consolidation destroyed their present organizations, "it would simply have to go ahead and destroy."

SIXTEEN CENT BREAD BRINGS NEW SITUATION

Retailers Demand A Cut To Maintain Old Profits

Sixteen cent bread to the consumer with a fourteen cent price to the storekeeper whereas it had been eighteen cents retail and fifteen wholesale brought about a new "bread crisis" yesterday morning. Retailers accustomed to making 3 cents profit (20 per cent) on each single loaf of bread didn't fancy the reducing of their profits to 2 cents. Several planned reprisals by ordering their daily supply from out-of-town sources unless they were granted a 13 cent wholesale quotation. Heretofore, all retail storekeepers here have been purchasing their entire supply of bread from the two local manufacturers, Matsons and Haig & Nimmo—with one exception—according to reliable information. Result—the manufacturers cut to 13 cents wholesale.

But the story isn't ended. When one storekeeper was told that Matsons bakery originally intended to cut the retail price of bread to 15 cents and the wholesale price to 13 cents, it was agreed "that would have been fair." Asked if such reductions would have met with his approval, the grocer replied it would.

The suggestion was made by a representative of The World that three cents off to the consumer and two cents off to the retailer, cutting all around and giving the public the best of the deal would have been nearer fair than the proposal of 16 cent bread, 2 cents to all as put into effect, Matsons bakery having originally intended to make the retail price 15 cents per loaf and not 16 cents as now being paid by the purchasing public.

Ginger Is Not Intoxicant But Sometimes It Is

BOSTON, Dec. 1.—Unless Jamaica ginger is sold as a beverage, it is not to be considered as intoxicating liquor, the full bench of the supreme court has ruled in the case of Sam Sockey and Michael J. Reagan, store keepers in Pittsfield.

Judge de Courcy, who wrote the opinion of the court, held that the sale of Jamaica ginger as a disguised substitute for liquor "is not so notorious that we can assume has the distinctive character, use and effect of an intoxicating liquor."

STATE BANK AUDIT WILL GET STARTED

Board Decides To Go Ahead With The Work

APPROVES MEASURE

Canvassing Board Has Completed Its Work

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 1.—The state board of auditors decided to make an examination of the Bank of North Dakota early next month. The board has authority to make such an examination under an initiated law adopted at the November election and which becomes effective December 2.

The state canvassing board certified the five initiated laws adopted in November, including that providing for an examination of the state bank and other state industries. The other laws permit counties to withdraw deposits from the Bank of North Dakota, limit real estate loans by the state bank to actual farmers who are residents of the state; permit publishing of private legal notices in other than official county papers and one defining the duties of the superintendent of public instruction.

Let New Board Audit The auditing board is composed of Thomas Hall, secretary of state; Carl Kositzky, state auditor, and William Langer, attorney general. Only Hall will remain in office after January 1. Although no provision is made in the law to pay the cost of the examination, board members said they would look to the state emergency board to meet the expenses. They expect the examination to be finished in time to present to the legislature when it meets in January.

Governor Lynn J. Frazier declared tonight that in his opinion the board of auditors which takes office January 1 should make the examination. Members of the new board will be Hall, William Lemke, attorney general-elect and David Poindexter, auditor-elect.

"The bank examination is a matter which could best be taken care of by the present board of auditors," said Governor Frazier. "Such an examination by defeated officials would appear political. I do not think the state should pay for an examination at present. It should be financed by an appropriation by the state legislature. The same voters who passed the initiated laws elected the new officers to constitute the board of auditors and I think it was their desire to have these officials make the examination."

Labor Market Is Growing Slacker

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 1.—Unemployed persons in this state are warned not to come to the larger cities of North Dakota unless they have previously secured work, in statements issued by the federal labor department employment bureau in Bismarck and in Fargo.

"We have thirty applicants for every city position or job," said Mrs. Minnie B. Howe, in charge of the employment bureau here. "We are just about breaking even in placing applicants for farm work."

Clayton Crary Has Enlisted In Army

Clayton Crary, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Crary and known throughout the Lake Region, has enlisted in Uncle Sam's force of fighting men, leaving here a week ago. He is reported to be at San Antonio, Texas.

LOCAL LABOR FORCES BROT FACE TO FACE WITH LAY-OFF

Great Northern Trims Its Shop Worker's List

The first effect of labor reducing tactics by capital, some of them compelled by force of trade restrictions, has been directly felt in Devils Lake. Monday morning a handful of mechanics and others employed in the Great Northern railway shops here were temporarily laid off. The notice struck home to 3 machinists, 3 machinists' helpers, 2 boiler makers and 2 pipe fitters. Rumors are current of similar action which will affect Round house employes and those on the Rip track gangs as well as others.

Workers in various departments declared that to all outward effects at least there was just as much work on hand and being brought into the shops each day as in months past. So far as can be learned, no reason for the laying off of men from the railway forces here is given other than that an order was received from headquarters to curtail expenses.

H. CARLSON LEAVES FOR SWEDEN 9TH

Prominent Baker To See His Mother In The Old Country

Helge Carlson, who with the exception of the past few months, has been sole proprietor of Matsons large wholesale and retail bakery establishments of this city, left this morning enroute to New York from which port he will sail for Stockholm, Sweden, on the 9th. Mr. Carlson, in making the announcement of his trip to the home of his childhood, declared he was going primarily to visit his mother who has been suffering from failing health recently and often expressed a desire to see her son in far away North Dakota of the U.S.A. He will, however, visit many places of interest in the land from whence he immigrated to America.

Five years ago Mr. Carlson, now known throughout the state as a leading wholesale bread manufacturer, came to Devils Lake, entering the employ of Peter Matson who originated Matsons bakery. A year later the employe purchased the then rapidly growing business and has developed it into a plant of considerable means with a breadbaking capacity of nearly 5000 loaves. In addition to an enormous output of bread, a large line of fancy pastry and cakes are manufactured for retail trade in the concern's store on Fourth street. The wholesale establishment ships its products to all parts of the Lake Region.

A few months ago, Stein Johnson became interested with Mr. Carlson in the plant, to directly aid in the handling of increased business.

Mrs. Carlson, daughter of the late Peter Matson, was unable to make the trip to Sweden owing to the necessity of company in the home for her mother who has resided with the Carlsons since Mr. Matson's recent demise.

Mr. Carlson expects to return in about three months, he said just before leaving this morning.

COBB COMPANY MAKES RECORD FOR THE STATE

Secured Highest State Award Ever Made In N. D.

The R. E. Cobb company secured a grading of 92 per cent for its butter in a contest open to manufacturers of the entire United States at the National dairy show held in October, gaining for itself the highest record ever attained for a North Dakota manufacturer in similar competition for "butter honors." N. O. Heftle, general manager, declared today.

The comparative tests which secured for Devils Lake's largest manufactory its latest creditable standing in the field of farm produce, was made on "flavor, body, color, salt and packing."

Fried Worms Not Half Bad Says This Man

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 1.—Principal Lloyd Shaw demonstrated to a high school class in biology that angle worms are edible, following a lecture on the worm. Asked if the worms are edible, he declared there was no reason why they should not be. The students obtained a handful, fried them in butter in the domestic science laboratory, and presented them to their instructor, who ate them. He pronounced them "not half bad."

WHEAT GROWERS MEETING SATURDAY A SUCCESS

Griffin, Maloney And Anderson Elected Delegates

CREEL MAKES A HIT

All Eyes Centered On State Meet At Fargo

Members of the National Wheat Growers association recently perfected thruout the county, met in session here Saturday and elected delegates to attend the state convention now in progress at Fargo, choosing T. H. Maloney, Bernt Anderson and E. H. Griffin. Over a hundred persons were in attendance at the session, resulting in many new enrollments on the already large list of members.

Following the election of delegates to the state meeting, Judge Griffin, elected the week previously to the presidency of the organization called for suggestions as to the recommendation of Ramsey county for a state representative to the national body. The name of General Creel for the honor brot a round of applause to which the latter responded in an unexpected manner. The general recited statistics he has kept personally on wheat conditions of the country and urged the need of organization to gain first hand facts of crop production and the utter lack under present conditions of any facility for gaining the truth of supply and demand figures other than thru the channels of today control the market.

In pointing out the ultimate benefits of the National Wheat Growers association General Creel said: "The movement is not to end with the sale of this year's crop. It will take two years or more to get the full benefit," but, he indicated his approval of the organization in urging membership and action from every source.

General Creel is credited in many quarters with being one of the best posted men on agriculture and other governmental affairs in North Dakota, developed thru almost a lifetime spent in the service of Uncle Sam in one branch of official duties or another. Another round of applause greeted the speaker as he closed. No formal endorsement was directed, however, but indications pointed to Ramsey voting for its own representative if there appeared a chance of his election when the delegates from all parts of the state assembled at Fargo.

This morning all eyes of grain growers and business men alike were centering on Fargo, watching, apparently to see the strength of the movement of the new organization which has sprung into being in a month will present to the gaze of wheat gamblers in the grain pits of the world from North Dakota.

Western Union To Get New Manager

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Schuminski, for the past two years in charge of the Western Union Telegraph office here will leave tonight for Winona, Minn., on a six months furlough from duty. During the regime of Mr. Schuminski as manager of the telegraph company's office here, he has built up a large clientele of personal friends who have become educated to the usage and value of wire service for business transactions. In addition to business relations which the general public here has appreciated, the Schuminski family have a large circle of friends who will await their expected return to Devils Lake next summer.

The name of the new manager for the Western Union office was not learned at noon today, Mr. Schuminski having no advice as to who it would be.

CRIMINAL LIBEL SUIT AGAINST EDITOR OF WORLD, FARMERS AND WORKING MEN BEGIN TOMORROW

Nortz Lumber Firm Issues House Organ

The W. N. Nortz Lumber company appeared recently in public print — their own in the form of a house organ devoted to the building industry and circulated to its hundreds of patrons in this and other localities. An excerpt from a story contained therein, was found worthy of special comment in urging the building and maintenance of farm homes. It follows: "Your children will appreciate a better home and they know it is their duty and privilege to work with you in getting it. The farm home is the 'real home' and it can be made exceptionally attractive where parents and children work in full co-operation."

TOKIO BANK CLOSED ITS DOORS MON.

Money Stringency Said To Have Been Cause

The Tokio State bank closed its doors Saturday and failed to open for business Monday morning, officials of the bank giving as the cause, a tightening of the money market particularly in the Tokio neighborhood where it is said old depositors in the course of a week withdrew thousands of dollars.

A failure to realize on securities held by the bank to meet the exigency caused by present financial conditions which are general thruout the state, it is believed, had much to do with the closing of the institution.

The officers of the bank were composed of Warren Adams, president, and former Devils Lake citizen and former employe of Manns department store; R. A. Tomlinson, vice president, and Arthur C. Moon, cashier. Dr. Drew is named in the list of directors.

General opinion expressed here indicated that following a meeting of stockholders and officers a means of reopening would be found. No alarm, it is said, has been spread pointing to insolvency. On the other hand, financiers, it has been said, declare the Tokio bank is perfectly sound but short on cash.

DONALD BARR GETS HONORS FROM Y. M. C. A.

State Convention and Sunday School Y. M. C. A.

Donald Barr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barr of this city, was elected second vice president of the state Y.M.C.A. at the state Sunday School and Y. M. C. A. convention held at Grand Forks, November 25 to 27th. The organization has a staff of five vice presidents.

The meeting proved to be one of the most successful of its kind ever held in North Dakota. Much time was devoted to Y. M. C. A. Christian citizenship, on which Dr. Kane of the State University, gave a masterful lecture.

Saturday night a banquet was given at the Methodist church, Dr. Kane serving as toastmaster. R. B. Griffith of Grand Forks delivered an address on business vocational training and Dr. Boyd of Jamestown addressed ministers present. Leonard Paulson, Y. M. C. A. committeeman talked on Christian callings the Y. M. C. A. and Sunday school boy might accept and urged the christianization of this work.

Eleven delegates from Ramsey county were present at the convention. The next convention will be held in this city sometime in January. Preparations are already being made for a three days program. Dr. Colton of New York City is scheduled to be one of the principal speakers at this convention.

FINANCIAL AIR OFF OF CASE READY

Subpoenas Are Issued For The State Witnesses

INTEREST INTENSE

No New Arrests Have Been Made By The Officials

The criminal libel suit against Editor Austin of The World, several farmers and working men of Ramsey county, charging a conspiracy to libel thru the alleged publishing, writing, printing and distributing of an infamous pre-campaign circular will begin tomorrow morning (Thursday) before Judge Duell in Justice court at 9 a.m. Those under arrest in addition to Austin are: M. A. Hoghaug, Jacob Canter, Leonard Scharf, Carl Aaberg, Halver Sanderson, John and Jean Stoesser, M. Fitzgerald, and J. W. Smith.

Complainants in the case include F. P. Mann, J. H. Trimble for A. E. Jackson, G. Walker, P. H. Case and W. E. Hocking for the city commissioners of Devils Lake and Jean Stoesser who signed a complaint against Mr. Fitzgerald.

States Attorney Rollo F. Hunt is prosecuting the case which will be handled for the defense by Attorney W. M. Anderson.

Canter is foreman of The World print shops, Scharf is court house janitor, M. Fitzgerald a retired farmer but during the fall a game warden under state appointment by Governor Frazier, Smith served as onparNissan county manager here prior to election and the others under arrest are said to be farmers located near Edmore and Penn.

The case has attracted attention thruout the northwest and is causing intense interest here.

Late this afternoon States Attorney Hunt declared no new arrests had been made in connection with the case.

NONPARTISANS WILL MEET AT EDMORE - LAKE

Big Gathering Of The Farmers To Occur Next Week

THURS. AND FRIDAY

Will Discuss Financial Crisis Faced By State

Nonpartisans of Ramsey county will gather at two big mass meetings to be held next week, the first at Edmore on Thursday, December 9th at 1:30 in the afternoon and the second at Devils Lake on Saturday, December 11th at the same hour. The membership of the big farmers' organization will discuss the financial crisis which North Dakota is facing. Senator Christ Levang, Walsh county farmer, will conduct both meetings to which all longeurs have been invited. Participation in the meeting here is expected of labor forces aligned with the farmer body.

No definite announcement of the meeting places in the two cities was made in the notice made public late this afternoon but it is thought the Opera house at Edmore and either the Court house or Central labor hall here will be used.

Restaurants Are Not Cutting Meal Prices

Local restaurants so far in the general decline of prices have not started cutting prices of meal tickets. Several of the prominent eating places of the city were asked over the telephone this morning regarding a report that prices had been cut but all denied the rumor.