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NEED OF GRAND JURY

It has been six years since Devils Lake was the seat of a Grand Jury investigation during all of which the wheels of justice seem to have moved in the usual dog-time manner, unbroken by definite unsubstantiated charges of graft in city or county administration or the misdirection of the powers or criminal prosecution in its varying branches. The year 1920, however, has brot forth a torrent of murmurings and the not far off rumble of a concerted demand from taxpayers that a Grand Jury be summoned to delve into facts—and figures.

Perhaps there is no basis of fact for the calling of such an investigating body as represented by a Grand Jury. However, rumors of graft in the city paving contract recently completed should not be permitted to go unheeded. The integrity of the board of city commissioners is at stake and the members of that body should be he first to take a definite stand in favor of giving the public every phase of the contract which costs the taxpayers of Devils Lake nearly \$400,000. Rumors of "rake off" should be put into formal charges if originators contend their truth. If done, those charges should be disproved or otherwise acceptors of bribe or graft should be punished according to law.

The paving contract seems to predominate now among various causes urged for the scrutiny of a Grand Jury. There are other phrases, however, of city administration that might well bear examination, not with an idea of persecution or that of crimes committed, but to hush the mouths of decriers of scandal and protect from infamy the name of Devils Lake and clear the atmosphere.

A Grand Jury reflects no discredit on a states attorney or other officers of the law, but it often times develops needed prosecutions of law violators that could not be secured in any other manner.

Even should not a single indictment be returned as a result of its hearings but it would clear Devils Lake of even rumors of graft in the paving contract, it will be taxpayers' monies well spent—the public demands all the facts and demands the truth.

LEMKE FIGHTS RAIL RATE GRAB.

North Dakota's fight for fair freight rates has been resumed before the State Board of Railroad commissioners. It will be remembered that higher than in Minnesota, an arrangement over the strenuous protest of Commissioner Frank Millhollan, to grant the railroads the excessive increases in freight rates and passenger fares they were demanding, and twice in succession Attorney General Elect Lemke, acting as special counsel for the state, carried the matter before the Supreme court and twice the court issued orders restraining the roads from putting the increases into effect and finally ordered the commissioners to set a date for a real hearing of the case, one where the people of North Dakota would be represented as well as the railroad combine.

What Mr. Lemke has fought for all along has been to compel the railroad companies to cease their discrimination against North Dakota shippers to insist that if rates are to be advanced on North Dakota traffic that the new rates can be on a parity with those of Minnesota, South Dakota and other surrounding states, and not, as at present, 25 to 40 per cent two of the present Commissioners twice sought which injures North Dakota cities, in favor of those outside the state. Every shipper in North Dakota is vitally interested in supporting Mr. Lemke in this struggle to abolish this evil practice of the railroads, and many are doing so.

It is seriously to be doubted that, if the railroads were efficiently managed, there would be any necessity for increased rates, for two roads, the Burlington and the Lackawana, are now asking the Interstate Commerce commission for permission to capitalize their large surplus, that is to capitalize excess profits, when they will again come demanding "rates that will give" them a "fair return on" their "investment" from the people, and very probably a servile Congress will "guarantee" it for them. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE!

One of the chief reasons for the high cost of living was explained by Henry Ford when he said the question of transportation is not only a matter of engines and cars and tracks, but also the useless carting around the country of materials that need not be cared. What is the use of hauling a live steer all the way from Texas, turning it into beef at Chicago, and hauling it all the way back to Texas again? What is the use of hauling wheat a thousand miles as wheat, and then hauling it back again as flour? It doubly burdens the railroads, puts the farmer at the mercy of centralized buyers, and adds heavily to the consumers' bill. What should be turned into flour where it is raised. Hogs should be shipped as hams and bacon—the finished product. Wherever possible the process of production should be completed in the community where it begins. This would relieve the railways, make each community more independent of railway exigencies, and be better all around.

Some years ago The Shield traced a bushel of wheat grown on an Iowa farm and sold in Des Moines back to the man who raised it, after it had been made into flour. The wheat was sold to a local buyer who shipped it to Chicago and sold it to a commission firm; it was then sold to wholesalers who sold it to millers in Minneapolis; they made it into flour and sold the flour to wholesalers who sold it to a grocer in Des Moines. When the farmer bought his own wheat back in the shape of flour, he had paid commissions to twelve middlemen, profits to a half a dozen people who had bought and sold it, and transportation to several railroads.—Yoeman's Shield.

FOLLOWING BIG BUSINESS.

Some day Mr. Farmer will wake up and follow in the footsteps of his present plutocratic masters—Big Business interests.

When the markets fall in nearly any line of merchandise, Mr. Manufacturer cuts down the production forces. He don't make large quantities.

The small town merchant causes this, his business has slumped because the public isn't buying. He quits buying too. The public, directly or indirectly originates its every attitude of buying freely or slowly thru the farmers' prosperity. When the producer of farm products is not prosperous as a class, buying stops in the stores.

So: Why shouldn't Mr. Farmer do just as the manufacturer does—curtail production?

The farmer, however, will not do that unless he is forced to, it isn't his nature. Whether he is compelled to take the attitude or not depends on the part of big interests which he is seemingly going to be forced to follow the example of. He will take a loss, a reasonable loss today on his products in the general readjustment of things but he don't propose to stand the heavy brunt of the whole financial crisis of the country—and he is being asked to. But wait: Mr. Farmer is waking up.

Commonwealth! Did you ever notice that our revolutionary fathers and mothers seldom used the word "State" to designate the subdivisions of the Union but always preferred the nobler term "Commonwealth"?—By which they meant the administration of society for the common good of all,—and that we, their sons and daughters, have gained nothing and lost much by our failure to live up to the ideals of the farmers, workers and dreamers who strove to create here a "government of, by and for the people"? But the vision lives and the dream of the frontiersmen will yet come true.

Monopoly of the Earth's natural resources, together with monopoly of the socialized machinery of production, distribution, transportation and exchange by the Ghouls of Gold,—Monopoly—special privilege—that is the explanation of world wars and mass poverty, of billionaires and bankrupts, of land-lords and tenants, of plutocrats and peons. End it—monopoly.

Soul of the Bible, later known as Paul, was sincere and very zealous when as a persecutor he gave his voice to condemn Stephen, and persecuted even unto strange cities every Christian he could find. But Saul was wrong. So are men wrong now who invoke civil power to enforce their views of righteousness.

The man who is the loudest with his Amen does not always drop the largest coin on the collection plate. Neither is the man who is loudest in his denunciation of fellow men usually the one most free from criticism himself. Perhaps he would seek cover for his own wrongs.

Don't get riled up when your enemies lie about you—suppose they had told the truth ungarlished.

CONGRESS BECOMING DISTURBED

Foreign Nations Freeze Out Uncle Sam In Game

WASHINGTON.—Congress is becoming disturbed about the game of international "freeze out" in which the United States seems to many legislators, to occupy the position of victim. There is a growing disposition among many legislators to regard as imperative the speedy resumption of peaceful relations with the central powers in Europe as the most effective way of beating this game. Some members of the house and senate who have discussed this question intend to urge President-elect Harding to initiate separate peace negotiations and commercial treaties with Germany and Austria, as soon as he takes office.

Makes Statement.
 A leading member of the senate foreign relations committee who consented to discuss the general situation today on condition that he be not named said that the revelations to the committee yesterday by Norman Davis, acting secretary of state, regarding the disposition of former German three much light on the efforts of some wartime associates of the United States to take advantage of this country now.

The Election Vote In Harding's State

President-elect Harding carried Ohio with a plurality of 401,985, and Gov. Elect Harry L. Davis won by 120,883, the official count of the election, completed at the secretary of state office, shows. According to the count, the Rev. Aaron S. Watkins, Prohibition candidate for President, and third Ohio man who was scoring for the high office, received only 28 votes in Ohio. Debs, Socialist candidate, let the standard bearer of the minor parties with a vote of 7,247. McCaughey, Single Tax candidate, received 2,236 votes. The official count gives Harding, 1,282,022 votes, and Cox 790,097.

Pipe Fitters Win Over Machinists In Bowling Game

The Pipe Fitters' bowling team defeated the Machinists in a match game at Madison's alleys in the Glerum block here Friday night, winning by the close margin of 21 pins. The score: Pipe Fitters 2,252; Machinists 2,211.

Individual scores with total runs were as follows:

Games	Pipe Fitters	Machinists
W. Lulee	114	125
L. Astman	123	133
F. Eizenhammer	132	159
F. Burckhard	186	185
John Langner	189	154
Total	744	756
Games <th>Pipe Fitters</th> <th>Machinists</th>	Pipe Fitters	Machinists
F. Dorricott	148	150
S. Harris	159	151
N. Boudoin	181	188
L. Swanson	181	166
Bob White	171	178
Total	785	778
Individual single high score by Burckhard, 186 in the first frame; second high run, Burckhard, 185 in second frame.		

BERGER APPEAL BEFORE COURTS

Attorneys Claim Landis Was Prejudiced In Trial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court last week on the appeal of Victor Berger, editor of the Milwaukee Leader, and twice elected to congress from Wisconsin on the socialist ticket, from his conviction under the espionage act. Counsel for Berger also presented to the court briefs and arguments in support of their petition that the entire case be dismissed and prosecution abated on the ground that Federal Judge Landis, who presided at the trial, was prejudiced against socialism. No decision has been announced.

GREEK KING TO RETURN TO THRONE

Constantine's Prestige Returns With New Conditions

Lucerne, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Official notification of the result of the plebiscite in Greece, had an invitation to return to Athens and reascend the Greek throne immediately were received by former King Constantine. Prof. Georgios Steit, former foreign minister and Constantine's chief adviser during his exile, who is reputed to be pro-German, and Captain Stefan Paparrigopoulos, commander in the Greek navy, and Constantine's aid-de-camp, are prohibited from returning to Greece by the Greek government in the telegram inviting Constantine to return. The Greek government notified Constantine it will have a Greek cruiser escort of warships to receive him and his family at Venice.

Stores Meeting The Price Cutting Call

Stores here are catering to the public demand for price cutting. The Boston store under proprietorship of Julius Glickson has announced an overcoat sale at prices hardly conceivable even prior to the World war. Wonderful value are found here. The Chicago Store, also men's furnishings, are offering a great variety of men's gifts—and for boys in wearing apparel. Grocery stores; Schucks and The Pure Food in particular are making a specialty of Pre-Christmas offerings. At the Penny store, general lines, a continuous flow of trade is picking

its assortments of gifts in wearing apparel for men and women and other articles of varied description. The Fashion shop has announced some of the greatest price reductions seen in the past few months in its particular line. The Ramsey Drug company is here again this year with special offerings for the holidays in Victor talking machines and records. Candies and leather goods too are not overlooked at the Home Candy Kitchen. Herman Wilensky of The Emporium in spite of his recent illness is in line with a special sale on certain lines of ladies goods. Many others too are meeting the limited pocketbooks of the trade.

Five Banks To Open In Week

Five of the closed North Dakota banks are expected to reopen within the next week, O. E. Lofthus, state examiner has announced. Conferences with farmers and business men have been carried on by officers of many of the closed banks recently, with a view of bringing reserves to a point where they are sufficient to permit the banks to do business.

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Men's Silk Shirts—Many new patterns in pure tub silk, all sizes at \$4.50 and \$5.90	Perfumes—Toilet Sets—Something new, beautiful toilet sets, priced at \$5.99 and \$2.98	Skates—Every child wants a pair of skates, all styles, all makes at \$2.98, \$1.98 and \$1.39
Men's Comfort Slippers—Felt or leather slippers, with felt or leather soles at \$2.98 and \$1.98	Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs—Plain figured or initial handkerchiefs at 69c, 58c, 49c and 39c	Pianos—Children's player pianos, priced at \$1.39 and 89c
Garter and Suspenders Sets—A gift he can always use 96c and 69c	Fancy Boxed Towel Sets—Fancy sets consisting of large towel, guests towel and wash cloth at \$2.69, \$2.49 and \$1.98	Kiddie Carts—Kiddie Karts, very reasonably priced at \$2.79
Caps—New Winter Caps with fur pull-downs, newest patterns \$1.49	Gloves—Ladies Kid Gloves in the regulation gamlet style at \$5.90, \$3.98 \$2.49	Dolls—A large assortment of dolls at lower prices, \$1.49, \$1.25, 98c, 69c down to 19c
Initial Handkerchiefs—Fine quality men's handkerchiefs, per box 69c	Silk Petticoats—Ladies' silk jersey petticoats, fancy flounces \$3.98	Wagons—Express and push wagons, priced at \$2.98, \$1.98 49c
Gloves—Leather and fur lined dress gloves, priced at \$5.90, \$3.98 \$2.49	Silk Camisoles—Flesh colored camisoles, prettily trimmed \$1.23	Children's Slippers—Children's felt slippers, in ulbe, red and brown, at \$2.49, 98c
Bathrobes—Men's bathrobes, in a large assortment of patterns at \$9.90 and \$8.90		Guns—Genuine Upton Air guns, \$2.35
		Games—Checkers, Dominos, Lottos, all the games at low prices, 98c, 69c 19c

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Ladies' Silk Hose—Ladies' pure thread hose in black only at \$1.25	Men's Sheeplined Coats—52-inches long, sheeplined in sleeves, large collar at \$24.75
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