

## STATE HOME BUILDING COMES TO HALT FOR LACK OF FUNDS THRU I. V. A. INITIATED LAW

### This Is What Pays Some Nonpartisan's Membership Fees

GARSKE, N. D., (Special)—Benj. E. Hanson of Garske, has just received thru the grain inspection department of North Dakota, a check from the Great Western Grain company of Maza, North Dakota, for the sum of \$52.70, the balance due on (1,054 bushels) barley for which he was underpaid 5c per bushel. Mr. Hanson says deals like this are what is paying the membership fee for the Nonpartisans—and asks—"What is paying the I. V. A. fee?"

## TOWNLEY APPEAL BRIEF IS FILED

### Higher Court To Hear Review of League Minn. Conviction

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 22.—The appellant's brief in the case of the State of Minnesota against A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, which was appealed from Jackson county, has been filed with the clerk of the state supreme court.

The record of the case is in two volumes, containing 1,564 pages. George Nordlin, George Hone and Vince A. Day are attorneys for Messrs. Townley and Gilbert, while Attorney General C. L. Hilt, assistant attorney general Jas. E. Markham and county attorney E. H. Ueholms of Jackson county represent the state.

Messrs. Townley and Gilbert were convicted in Jackson county district court and sentenced to six months in the Jackson county jail.

## CONFISCATED BOOZE COMES TO END HERE

### Sheriff Destroys Most Of Liquor Taken In Raids

### HOSPITALS SHARE Some Held For Evidence In Court Trials Later

"Dear Sir: I have seen in the papers of big whiskey raids at Devils Lake but I haven't seen anything about what becomes of the goods as everybody is just as dry as Devils Lake. The public would like to know what is done with it."

Hundreds of quarts of illicit whiskey, home brew and other intoxicating concoctions have been confiscated by the authorities of Ramsey county during the past few months in raids on private stills and in the capture of whiskey runners on the highways. So much of this work has been done that at times it has been generally believed that the police department of Devils Lake and the sheriff's office must be carrying a stock sufficient to start an old fashioned bar. But friends in the country, be disillusioned.

Frequent court orders direct the sheriff to smash the bottles and let the liquor take its course over the ash pile near the county jail—and it don't matter how strong the thizt of Mr. Sheriff may be the job has to be done and is done. In some instances however, the court directs the sending of a stock of the better grades to local hospitals for medicinal purposes. Still other assortments are held by the authorities for use as evidence in cases where those arrested with "the goods on" refuse to plead guilty.

Whether the city of Devils Lake is just as dry as its rural districts, however, remains a question, the police keep picking "em up" here and its rumored some times the city folks get a "sm up" here and its

## CRIPPLE THE N. P. PROGRAM

### Mill And Elevator Work Tied Up Along With Homes

### LABOR LAID OFF

### Withdrawals From State Are The Direct Cause

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 22.—The industrial commission has ordered that work on the buildings now under construction by the state home building association be suspended, the order first going into effect in Fargo. The reason assigned by the commission for taking this action was that the Bank of North Dakota is unable to finance the home building project now because of the heavy withdrawals of public funds by county, city, township and school treasurers.

Secretary W. A. Anderson of the industrial commission said that work on the state homes will now be held up until the state is able to dispose of the bonds which have been issued to finance the building association. He also said that in all probability the same action will be taken in the case of the mill and elevator at Grand Forks. The order stops work on about 60 dwellings, 15 of which are in Fargo.

"The Bank of North Dakota is unable to finance these projects now because of the law initiated by the farmers to the farmers' program taking the public funds away from the state bank," said Mr. Anderson. "Despite the assurance of the state bankers association and many of the treasurers, the officials opposed to the industrial program are withdrawing their deposits from the Bank of North Dakota. On the other hand the banks in which the public funds are re-deposited claim they are in such a condition that they are unable to honor the drafts by the Bank of North Dakota on such re-deposits."

The result is that the daily balance in the Bank of North Dakota is decreasing rapidly and it is unable to finance the state industrial projects any longer until the bonds are sold."

## TWO "Y" PLAN BIG TIME FOR NEW YEAR EVE

### Presbyterian Church To Be Scene of Merry Throng

All the young folks of Devils Lake will not be dancing the old year out and the new one in on New Year's eve, according to A. E. Conrad, secretary of the Ramsey county branch of Y. M. C. A. and promoter of the Young Women's Christian association. No siree! "There is one place that will be open to young man or young woman and the grown folks too if they want to come" where it won't all be dance and dance, "the word that went out this week. The Presbyterian church will be the scene of a real old fashioned "New Year's Watch."

The two "Y" organizations banded together in splendid developing growth, will hold forth in full swing on the last night of the year—and they'll stay until the new one comes. But things will be different than at the dance. A real social time, the kind that makes for better men and women and yet gives all the joy of fun and entertainment that the young folks can want will be in the program. "The invitation" is out for "everybody to come" and to enjoy the evening. There'll be a glad hand for any and all who care to go, "his said. A bevy of Devils Lake's young ladies and some of the live young men will be on hand to extend a welcome and they want a crowd, a crowd that thinks of things serious but wants some good clean entertainment and fun. The date New Year's Eve, December 31st in the Presbyterian Church.

## Jail Escape Plot Cut Off By Sheriff

Henry Baumer is in jail charged with assisting in an attempted jail escape, while the party it is said he would aid in a get-a-way, G. C. Turner, an inmate of Sheriff Elliott's bastille remains to await a court verdict on a statutory charge. According to officials, files and other tools were found in Turner's cell, said to have been passed in by Baumer—but never put to use.

## JUDGE ELECT LOWE FREED

RUGBY, N. D.—The jury in the case against John C. Lowe of Ward county, charged with a statutory offense, returned a verdict of acquittal against him Sunday. Lowe was elected last November as district judge in Ward county, with the Nonpartisan endorsement. He was tried here in a special term presided over by Judge C. W. Buttz.

## Everett Duell To Leave Devils Lake

Everett Duell, prominent in the younger social set of Devils Lake and more so in connection with the American Legion in which he has been honored as Post Commandant during the past year expects to leave the city for the east about January 1st. Mr. Duell, resigning his position in the New York Cash store, contemplates the study of Higher Commercial accounting at the Columbia university of New York.

## FARMER OWNED NEWSPAPERS OF THE STATE ARE UNANIMOUS IN URGING CO-OPERATION POLICY

### WOULD ADVANCE EVERY INTEREST

### Convention At Bismarck "Comes Clean" To Merchants

### HOLD GREAT POWER

### Local Paper's Delegate Approved Stand Taken

Representatives of over fifty farmer owned newspapers of North Dakota, assembled in convention at Bismarck Wednesday of last week went on record unanimously as urging co-operation of the rural press of the state with the business men and workers, to advance the interests of all. The meeting, called for the purpose of discussing the farm-owned newspaper situation in North Dakota and to perfect a means of further strengthening the forces of its country press which was represented at the meeting by delegates from every part of the state, proved there is one ultimate plan desired—the co-operation of every force for the betterment of general conditions and the welfare of the people.

In adopting a formal resolution, commending the farmer's newspapers to the merchants of the state, the large circulation, the intense interest displayed by the rural population in their own enterprises and the desire to co-operate, were plainly pointed out along with a declaration to stand firm in the demand for the political principles represented. However, forbearance on both sides of political questions along with a spirit of conciliation is also pointed to as a necessity. The convention, in the drafting of the resolution comes clean in its stand to the public.

The resolution: "We, the directors of the farmer-owned newspapers in North Dakota, in conference assembled at Bismarck this 15th day of December, 1920, hereby re-affirm the necessity for and our allegiance to the original program of the Nonpartisan league, firmly convinced that through its enactment into law and by its practical working out shall equity be established and prosperity gained not only for agriculture but for all legitimate business within our state. (Continued on page 4)

## NOVEMBER HAD A HEAVY PRICE CUTTING PERIOD

### Commodities Were Still Showing Many New Declines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Wholesale prices of commodities were lower last month than at any time since the war, according to figures announced by the department of labor. The wholesale scale dropped eight percent in November from the preceding month and twenty-four percent below the peak of high prices last May, the bureau says. Of the 326 commodities used in the comparison of November and October, wholesale prices, 198 showed a decrease while 41 showed an increase. Building materials registered a decline of 11 1-2 percent in November and farm products were second with a decrease of 9 percent. Clothing costs dropped nine percent, while food products dropped 4 1-2 percent.

## Jessie Montieth Weds Curtis M. Anderson

Miss Jessie Montieth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Montieth of Arnold avenue, was married to Curtis Anderson of Minneapolis, at five o'clock, Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian parsonage. Rev. Prentiss Case performed the marriage rites. After the wedding, dinner was served at the home of the bride. Mrs. Anderson wore a suit of seal brown divetvne. Mr. Anderson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Anderson of Minneapolis and is well known in this city and represents the John Leslie Paper company of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left on a short wedding in the east and will return here to make their home.

## Women's Auxiliary To Meet Wednesday

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Nonpartisan league will hold its next meeting Wednesday evening, December 29th at Central Labor hall over Pillsbury's shop. Thereafter regular general meetings of precinct organizations will be convened the fourth Wednesday of each month. Every woman interested in the cause of the Nonpartisan league and the workers of the state, is urged to attend the meeting next Wednesday, December 29. This date is positively set. Business a social hour with lunch and an hour or more of dancing is promised.

## CHICAGO POLICE SHOOT TO KILL

### Opiate Runners Brings Out Real Gunning Order

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Three squads of detectives with orders to "shoot to kill" are roaming thru the city following up "tips" which police believe might lead to arrest of companions of Thomas Heavey of St. Louis, who was shot to death after he and one or more accomplices had held up a drug store in the busiest corner of the business quarter. Heavey was killed in a fight with a policeman whom he slew.

Eight persons were under arrest tonight in connection with the holdup, which it was believed, was made primarily to obtain opiates.

## COUNTY JUDGE VACANCY DRAWS OUT CANDIDATES

### A Dozen Prominent Men Mentioned For The Honor

### BOARD TO APPOINT A. M. Powell Has Many Endorsers On His Petition

The vacancy caused by the untimely death of County Judge E. H. Griffin, has brot forth a long list of prospective candidates for the appointment which will be made Thursday by the board of county commissioners, called to meet in special session for that purpose.

At least a dozen names of prominent citizens have been mentioned for the honor, with a strong endorsement for A. M. Powell, retiring county treasurer, manifesting signs of carrying considerable weight when the commissioners meet. Already a long list of signers have been secured in the form of a petition to be presented by friends of Mr. Powell. The name of E. M. Crary, former editor of The World, retired farmer operator and business man, is also creating considerable stir among hundreds of friends anxious to see Mr. Crary given the appointment. It was pointed out that Mr. Crary thru his long associations with Ramsey county and his wide acquaintanship combined with a known business ability would from "every angle" be a competent person to meet the requirements of the office.

Another to be given much attention is Captain Thomas Lonnevik, ex-service army officer, member of the American Legion and now on the reserve list of the American army. It was declared in some quarters that Captain Lonnevik would be the most popular choice of a majority of the county's voters, should he choose to be a candidate. Others mentioned in rumor on the streets included the names of Attorneys Fred, Clarence Cowart, Ray Smythe and Attorney Swenson of Brocket, along with Judge D. G. Duell, justice of the peace and city police magistrate; Frank Cockburn, John CoVan and Benjamin Downey.

## Our Christmas Greetings

Nineteen hundred and twenty years ago in a lowly manger of Bethlehem on Christmas morn, a child was born, Jesus, they called him, and he was the Son of God, come to cleanse the sins of mankind for all time to come. And so today, our Christ lives in spirit and in that and action, yet too often secluded in the darkened hearts of men but never to be so hidden that a spark of love, kindness or the spirit of the Master moving the heart of humans cannot call him before us. We of the flesh are too prone so often to turn our thots to our Maker and give thanks to Him for our very existence and our lives. Too often, do we pass Him by—even on Christmas day. Earthly things detract; the humdrum of life or the bitter strife of the day quash out the nobler things of our worldly selves.

With a spirit of endeavor to recall whatsoever virtues there may be hidden within our inner selves and in the firm belief that we should "love our neighbor as ourselves" as Christ would have us to do, andwith that resolve firmly fixed in our rules of life, the management and ownership of the Devils Lake World does:

Extend the heartiest of Christmas greetings and wishes of good cheer to its subscribers, readers, advertisers and to those whose political beliefs may not have agreed. And the harsh criticism of its policies may have come in the heat of anger, The World holds no feeling of antipathy, but regrets the mistakes it may have made, if such, and the bitterness it may have engendered—and wishes to all A Merry and Happy Christmas.

F. S. AUSTIN, Editor

## SHORTER HOURS, WORK FOR ALL ASKED BY CRAFTS

### Great Northern Employees Urge This Plan of Owners

Great Northern railway employees represented here by the Federated Shop crafts embodying all union workers have adopted a resolution urging rail owners to cut working hours but to permit all men to stay on the pay roll—forestalling suffering among the families of those who would be affected by cutting the pay roll. Business agents of the organizations have already been instructed to carry the resolution to the railroad heads in the east. It is understood the same action has been taken by practically every railroad union in the Northwest.

It was pointed out in the meeting that there are throught the country thousands of men, who thrown out of employment under present conditions, would face hardships untold while other fellow employes would continue to prosper in the face of adversity for the needy. The resolution which was approved unanimously was the result of "regard for fellow workers and their families at Christmas time," one worker said in questioning: "Will the railroads be as fair?"

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM 28TH

### Comedy Drama Will Be Feature Of Fine Program

December 28th, is the date set for one of the finest programs to be rendered this season under auspices of the local High school will be presented. The Hamline players of St. Paul will appear on that date in T. W. Robertson's three-act comedy-drama, "Caste." Press reports of previous performances give an excellent standing in the plane of near-professional art. The entire company is made up of stars.

## Ole Kulberg Is Given Divorce

Ole Kulberg, giving his address as Bisbee but well known here, was granted a divorce in district court chambers before Judge C. W. Buttz Saturday. His wife, Anna Julia, was charged with desertion.

## STREET PAVING COST \$415,482 REPORT SHOW

### Final Estimate Exceeds Original Figures \$43,045

Devils Lake's paved streets cost the huge total of \$415,482, covering approximately one-third the laid out area of the city and amounting to \$43,045 more than the original estimated figures, according to the final estimate for payment to the Haggert Construction company submitted to the board of city commissioners at their meeting last week and allowed.

The city is protected in the contract by a bond covering the Haggert company's guarantee of the job for a period of ten years.

City Engineers Atkinson & Hall were allowed \$21,650.94 covering plans, estimating and supervision of the work according to contract.

In the list of extras charged for and allowed is an item of \$8,190 "discount on warrants due to changing original rate of interest bid of 7 per cent to 6 per cent," a bond issue having been used in the method of paying for the contract, the cost being assessed against property holders in the route of the paving constructed. The extra cost of cement due to increasing prices as provided in the contract amount ed to \$14,180; extra work tearing out and removing cross-walks, old curbs and gutters, \$5,000; labor and material for new catch basins and new castings, \$2,900; retaining wall at 5th street viaduct, \$1,300; incidental labor and material, \$900; additional curb over original estimate \$8,500.

A detailed statement of the final estimate is on file at the office, of City Auditor Cowley.

## St. Olaf's Aid Bazaar Nets A Large Profit

The annual Christmas bazaar held at St. Olaf's Lutheran church Saturday was one of the greatest successes of similar ventures ever held by the Ladies Aid society. Returns at the close of the affair showed well over \$300.00.

## Wheat

The local grain market has held its own during the past three days and shows a slight improvement according to the Farmer's Mill & Elevator company report this morning.

Local quotations on No. 1 dark northern wheat Monday were \$1.49 Tuesday, \$1.44. Today's No. 1 dark northern is quoted \$1.51.

## FUTURE TRADING IN WHEAT SHOULD CEASE—GAMBLING

### Federal Trade Body In Report Calls It Waste

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A large volume of future trading in wheat is merely gambling, involving great economic waste and should be stopped by congressional regulations, the Federal Trade commission wrote President Wilson.

The commission's communication constitutes its report in reply to the President's request for a study of causes of falling wheat prices. The commission advised the President he has no power to prevent importation of foreign wheat demanded by farmers hit by falling prices.

## Prominent Brocket Banker Passes Away

BROCKET, N. D.—Erick O. Engesather, 62, prominent banker and farmer of Brocket, died here. He came to the United States from Norway in 1878 and homesteaded in 1880 near Gilby. He was treasurer of Nelson county 1886-1900. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter.

## WALLACE WOULD CUT LEGISLATURE

### Better Results And A Less Expense Result

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 22.—One of the first things the legislature ought to do is to take steps to reduce the size of both the house and the senate, in the opinion of George E. Wallace, state tax commissioner.

"We'd get better results with less expense with both a smaller house and a smaller senate," declared Mr. Wallace. "Of course, there would be some patronage knocked out, and that alone would cause opposition, but the state as a whole would be a lot better off."

Mr. Wallace suggested that the house could easily dispense with 50 members. There are now 113 members and 63 ought to be ample to legislate for the state, Mr. Wallace says. He would reduce the senate to about the same proportion, having 28 or 30 senators instead of 49.

"The appropriation of the budget board for two legislative sessions was \$116,592.00," said Mr. Wallace. "The legislature costs a lot of money and a smaller legislature would probably do its work with more dispatch and economy."