

LOCAL DEMOCRAT "AGIN" JOINING OF ALL PARTIES

"Dyed in the wool" democrats of this region don't want an amalgamation of the Democratic-Republican Independent Voters' association to fight possible Nonpartisan candidates at this year's election, if the recent press reports from Fargo of W. A. Fulkerson action at a meeting of the state central committee of which he is a member are any indication.

According to reports, Mr. Fulkerson, a Ramsey county pioneer and well known thruout the Lake Region for his steadfastness to party affiliations, "bucked" when his organization, headed by Attorney General Sveinbjorn Johnson, state chairman, presiding were wont to endorse and "Alliance" plan of all parties to defeat Nonpartisan forces. His lone pal in the scene was F. H. Ash of Minot, the remainder were all "agin' Ramsey county's representatives. Mr. Fulkerson has been known here as an ardent supporter of the Nonpartisan league.

The proposal plan, promulgated at a joint meeting of the Democratic state committee and the Independent Voters association plans the appointment of fifteen republicans and the same number of democrats and republicans respectively in a co-operative movement to defeat further developments of Nonpartisan league activities. An outline of the contemplated arrangement will be presented to Republican party and a coordination of the three will all probably be effected, it was said, prior to announcement of dates when state conventions will be held.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

The Knights of Columbus of Devils Lake are putting on a big attraction at the Unique theatre in this city on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17th, in the way of a Catholic Art Association production, entitled "The Blasphemer," a super photoplay whose power grips and enthralms, produced especially for the Holy Name Society to celebrate its golden jubilee in the United States.

The story of "The Blasphemer" brands itself upon the memory. As John Harden stands defying his God the elements rage in a great storm, the thunder roars and the lightnings flash, as if nature herself clamors in protest against the great sin. John Harden, the blasphemer, falls from the height of his success to the abyss of failure like Lucifer from Heaven. In the defiance of his pride he had challenged God to strike him dead. The Divine Wisdom knows how to answer man's folly.

No organization other than one of Catholic faith would be allowed to show this picture, and it is not put on here for the money gain that it might produce. Instead the principal object in securing it for Devils Lake is that local Catholics might see this great production. The admission charge will be only 25c and 10c, and there will be three performances during the day, a matinee at 3:00 p.m., and evening shows at 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock.

"HOME BREW" MAKES FAMILY HOMELESS—IN DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES

"Home Brew" dit it. No profit made in running a rented farm, nearly everything mortgaged to the "hilt" no money—What now? that the father of a Ramsey county farmer. "The others do it and get by, why not I," were perchance his thoughts. To make the story short, Mat Christianson of Church's Ferry pleaded guilty before District Judge C. W. Buttz in local chambers last week to the sale of two lone quarts of the beverage is wrecking homes and minds the country over. A crestfallen father of a brood of children ranging from a few years to nearly grown-up boy, was facing the nation's law, the giving up of his rented farm, the surrender of mortgaged property to the holder of claims—practically penniless the distracted wife and mother was seeking charity of the county on which to exist—and he the father was handed his little title to occupy a cell in jail for five long months and a chance to pay his state a "trifling" sum of \$250. But, perhaps the court has taught a lot of people a lesson—and maybe too, Mat's sentence may yet be lessened. "Home brew" don't pay.

POLICE CHIEF TIMBOE ILL. Chief of Police Timboe was reported suffering from a serious attack of the La Grippe last week and confined to his room in the living quarters at the fire hall. No serious consequences were expected to result.

Legion Auxiliary Boosts Membership

The American Legion Auxiliary organized here, composed of mothers, sisters and daughters of Legion members, has increased its membership in the past few weeks from 58 to 250, according to a statement made by Mrs. Harry Kneeshaw, president. The enormous gain of 192 members was effected thru an "over the top" campaign drive conducted under chairmanship of two committees headed by Mrs. Jack Mergan and Mrs. Earl Mann. The first named secured 103 new enrollments while Mrs. Mann's division broth in eighty-nine.

WARWICK POST HAS CLUB ROOM

The Warwick Post, No. 203 of the American Legion has recently completed their club room under the Security State Bank building. In spite of a real North Dakota winter an outside basement entrance has been excavated, the twelve inch concrete wall cut thru and a door placed. The interior has been partitioned off, plastered, electrically wired, and finished attractively. Practically all the work, even to making some of the furniture, has been done by voluntary labor of the members. Especially credit for this is due to the Past Post Commander, P. W. Ross, who has been in charge of the work.

As a result of the initiative of its members the Post has a desirable place to meet at any time, and the membership has been increased. Now that the Post has a place for them to meet the women have organized and auxiliary, and recently they had Mrs. Eugene Fenelon, State President, here to assist in getting the auxiliary properly started. Occasional joint meetings, with cards games and refreshments, lend a touch of sociability that improves the spirit of the organization.

BUSINESS INCREASES AT THE PENNEY STORE

The usual increase in business that usually comes on during the first signs of spring is already in evidence at the Penney Store in this city, according to N. Clausen, the popular manager of the institution. Last Saturday it was necessary to employ two extra sales people in order to properly wait on the large crowds of people who called at the store, and the assistance of Mr. Wm. Serungard and Mrs. Mikkelsen was secured. Though there has been a steady increase in the amount of sales at the Penney Store ever since it opened up for business here a number of years ago, it has been some time since the increase in sales was as noticeable as it has been during the past two weeks, according to Mr. Clausen. Other department stores in the city also report business as picking up.

Auto Licenses Must Be Shown

Have you secured your 1922 automobile license? According to an edict of state and local authorities every driver, discovered on road or street without necessary tags will be promptly apprehended and haled into court and subjected to maximum penalties. The law provides a car cannot be used without state license which covers taxes under North Dakota statutes.

Tax Payments Swamp Treasurer

Despite alleged "hard times" and severely tightened money conditions, Ramsey county farmers and business men have paid enough money in taxes up to the close of business Monday to operate a score of banks, according to Treasurer Elmslie, who thru the rush of business was unable to give out any authentic information. It was believed that more taxes were paid before the March first period, when a penalty of five percent attaches to all delinquents, than in the year 1921. Altho the law puts the limit before the excess attaches, Treasurer Elmslie extended the time limit until the night of the third. Hundreds of unopened letters have accumulated in the hands of clerks who are making strenuous efforts to book them and send out receipts.

Preliminary court hearing in the case of Pete Possible of Church's Ferry charged with "bootlegging" liquor and set for Saturday before Judge D. G. Duell, was postponed to Monday, March 13th, at 2:00 p. m. Failure of witnesses for the prosecution to appear owing to sickness was cause given by States Attorney Sivert Thompson for the delay. Attorney W. N. Anderson represented the defense.

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Great Northern Shops Reopened

Great Northern railway shops here which have been idle the past five weeks resumed operations here yesterday with a nearly full force of employees given employment. Reports that the big plant of the company were to be closed down permanently in the future were discounted by authorities here altho it was said in some quarters that when new shops at Minot are completed during the next year, it might be a possibility. No definite statement in the matter is available.

AUSTIN GOES TO CANTON, ILL.

F. S. Austin, who for four years was employed on local newspapers as editor and manager, left Tuesday evening for Canton, Ill., where he has accepted a position as editor-manager of the Canton Daily Ledger, one of the leading Republican daily newspapers in that section of the state. Mr. Austin is a newspaper man of more than ordinary ability, and will be able to make good no matter where he is put to work. Many here did not agree with him politically during his stay in Devils Lake, and did not like the tactics he used during the political campaigns which he went through, but all admit that he knew how to wield the pen, and that his talent as a newspaper man was far above the average. Canton is a city of about 25,000 people, and we learn is located in the southern part of the state where Nonpartisans and I. V. As. are seldom heard of. We wish Mr. Austin the greatest of success.

BIG MORTGAGE ON STATE MILL

Grand Forks, N. D., March 8.—A three million dollar mortgage for the mill and elevator association was filed here today by Lewis F. Crawford, secretary of the North Dakota Industrial commission. The mortgage is to the state of North Dakota, and bonds are to be sold on appraisement to cover the amount. The step was taken to secure money with which to continue building operations on the project here.

JACK LANE TO UPHAM. Jack Lane for the last two years chief bookkeeper and asst. manager of the W. N. Nortz Co. has been promoted to the management of Nortz yards at Upham this state, and will assume his duties at that point in about ten days.

CAVALIER BANK CLOSES. Cavalier, N. D., March 8.—The First National bank of Cavalier has closed and a public examiner has taken charge.

Nelson Sauvain returned Sunday night from Chicago, where he has been attending the meeting of the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association and the meetings of other affiliated associations. He also visited the school in Chicago and Indiana.

MILITIA COMPANY HERE DEVELOPING AT A RAPID RATE

KNOWN AS ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOURTH HOWITZERS. A. McLEAN, CAPTAIN.

The 164th Howitzer company of the North Dakota National guard is developing into one of the crack organizations of the state according to members of the body, which now numbers sixty-four with a limited officer's list. Captain Art McLean is declared to be "whipping" into form his eight squads with the help of first Lieutenant Otto Helgeson, Top Sergeant George Crawford, First Sergeant Ray Kneeshaw and Second Sergeant Art Anderson while various privates take turn about as corporals.

Final Militarization of the 164thers is expected to be completed this week with the arrival of a complete outfit uniforms, rifles, mortars, shell casings and other detail equipment. The guards who make up the local segment of the militia here, are striving to make a creditable showing at the annual Northwest encampment which is scheduled to occur at Fort Snelling sometime in June or July.

Membership in the organization is primarily made up of "raw" recruits, it being said only about twelve men including officers are ex-service members of the World war. Those of no experience enlist for three years, regularly each Wednesday night at the Roller rink in the basement of the grand opera house. The public is welcome, it is understood, as spectators.

Adjutant Rose Krichner and Lieutenant Stebbins of the Salvation Army have been seriously ill with the flu this week.

COULD YOU EAT IT? GRAIN DEALERS IN BANQUET ROOM DID

Grain dealers are a queer lot but 'tis said they have digestive organs more queer than other parts of their anatomy—for here is what Proprietor C. E. Gray of the Hotel Grayson set before banqueters of the recent dealers association held in this city. Could you eat it? They did.

- MENU
- No. 1 Amber Fluid 1922
 - Screening, "No Sale"
 - Fancy No. 1 Dark Northern Scale Weight Hard Oil
 - No. 1 56-lb. Test No. 3 Yellow High Moisture
 - Asbestos Gaskets, "Top Plugged" "Foxy Manager"
 - No. 2 Rye "Copper Stilled"
 - Flax Straw and Hemp
 - Ask No Questions

Pay Income Tax Before March 15

Wednesday, March 15, is the last day on which income tax reports may be filed without paying a penalty. This pertains to both the state and federal income reports. People who are fortunate enough to have incomes large enough to pay a tax on same will be kept more than busy during the next few days in figuring out what their net incomes actually were, and where they are going to get the money with which to pay the tax.

LOBERG TALKS TO HIGH SCHOOL

E. M. Loberg, one of the most popular and efficient salesmen at the Mann store in this city, last Thursday morning delivered a talk to the class in salesmanship at the Devils Lake high school, which was the first talk of its kind delivered to the class and which was greatly appreciated by the pupils. The class is a part of the commercial course at the school and in the past it was taken to several business places in the city in order to get the inside of a business. They were actually done in a similar way, during which time each student was given a chance to make a presentation and the way it was explained.

Mr. Loberg's talk lasted about ten minutes during which time he talked mostly on salesmanship as he saw it from personal observation. He told the class that there was a great difference in what a person attempted to sell as to whether or not he would make a success of the work or not. A person who might be a whirlwind salesman on guns may not be able to earn his salt selling dry goods, and the biggest mistake the average person makes when he starts in life, according to Mr. Loberg, was staying too long at selling such goods that did not appeal to him. In this way he was not only wasting his own time, but that of his customers as well, and was not doing his employer or justice. Mr. Loberg said that the successful salesman is one that had changed from one department to another just often enough to find something that he was interested in and enjoyed, and his work from that time would be very satisfactory all around. After his talk was concluded a short time was used up in pupils asking questions and Mr. Loberg answering them. Mr. Loberg has been employed in the city as salesman during the past 10 years, during most of which time he has been at Mann's. He has made a deep study of the selling game, and is considered to be one of the best men in his line to be found here.

Earl Mann of the same store was scheduled to give the same class a talk on the executive department of a mercantile establishment last Monday, but the high school was closed on account of several of the faculty suffering from the flu, and the talk will have to be delivered later.

FULKERSON AT FARGO. Hon. W. A. Fulkerson, member of the state central committee of the Democratic party, attended a meeting of that body held simultaneously with the Independent Voters association at Fargo last week.

State Meeting of Deaf in June

The annual convention of the North Dakota Association of the Deaf will be held at Devils Lake on June 20, 21 and 22, and a large attendance is looked for, according to the North Dakota Banner, the official publication of the association. A large number of persons from Chicago, the Twin Cities, Sioux Falls and Winnipeg are expected to attend the convention.

G. G. Nordhaugen of this city is president of the executive committee and the other members are Oscar Tweeten of Abercrombie, Orr Kinyon of Bismarck, Arthur E. Anderson of Bottineau, and Olga Anderson of Devils Lake.

REV. H. G. WALKER TO GO TO DULUTH

Rev. H. Garfield Walker, who since 1918 has been rector of the Episcopal church of the Advent of Devils Lake has tendered his resignation to take effect May 1, after which he will leave for Duluth, Minn., to become dean of the Trinity cathedral in that city. He came here from Kingston, Jamaica.

Rev. Walker is one of the most prominent clergymen of the state. He was especially active during the campaigns waged against the Nonpartisan League during his stay here, and spent some time on the road delivering addresses against the league. In the city he has endeared himself not only to the members of his own congregation, but to everyone with whom he came in contact. He has always proven himself a big booster for everything benefiting the city, and always took a prominent part in all work done by local civic and commerce organizations. At the present time he is secretary of the Devils Lake Rotary club and chaplain in both the Masonic and Elks lodges. He is also a member of the program committee of the Rotary conference to be held in Duluth on March 17 and 18 next.

Sheriff's Office May Be Center Primary Squabble

What promises to be one of the hottest fights ever staged in Ramsey county for nomination as candidates for election to the Sheriff's office will be staged this spring if present indications carry any significance. Four candidates are already in the field and formal announcements—and at least four more are said to be preparing to "throw their hats in the ring."

Martin Olson, holder of honors as one of that county department for two terms in years past and said to have been one of the most efficient performers known under similar circumstances in the state and for several terms representative to the state legislature, was the first to announce himself publicly. Since that time, Fred Besse, prominent Garske farmer; Art Lynn, retired farmer and for brief periods serving as deputy sheriff and local policeman; and Dr. Joe Rutten, veterinarian, have formally declared themselves. But, Altho no names have been made public, it was given out from an authoritative source that at least three names would be added and possibly five. The two receiving the highest number of votes at the Primaries in the June will be the Candidates for election.

Aside from Olson, Mr. Rutten is probably the best known candidate. He was raised in the county, is thirty-nine years old, practiced his profession over the entire county for nine years and is well liked in all quarters.

IS NOW INTERESTED AT LAKOTA

While at Lakota on Tuesday of this week E. W. Gilbertson purchased the undertaking department from Geo. Barrett at Lakota, which for many years had been conducted in connection with the Barrett hardware store there for a great many years. For the present the undertaking department will continue to be run in connection with the hardware department the same as usual, but later may be run separately in conditions warrant it. This now gives Mr. Gilbertson undertaking parlors in this city, at Cando, Edmore and Lakota.

COL. BLOOM RECOVERS. Col. J. H. Bloom, former publisher of the Journal of this city, who was reported seriously ill at Minneapolis hospital last week suffering from an attack of heart failure, is said to have enjoyed a rapid recovery and to be again back in North Dakota looking after business interests.

LOCAL GROWERS OF GRAIN LIKE NATIONAL PLAN

Lake Region grain growers were stirred with fresh optimism this week over prospects of pooling plans by the U. S. Wheat Growers, Inc., the Wheat Growers' association and kindred bodies over the country to consolidate in one grand federation plan. It was announced thru the press that an amalgamation of all organizations of major proportions thruout the United States would in all probability be effected at an early date. This, it was said, would permit completion of effectual plans within the next year or two whereby farmers and farm owners would, thru their own organization, practically monopolize the grain markets of the nation and control sale prices of their products.

At a meeting held a Denver, Colorado, where a consolidation plan for grain growers is being worked into a monster federation by the heads of various organizations, it was announced that all co-operative grain buying concerns of every nature would be eligible to membership. The American Wheat Growers, Association, is the title under which operations will start.

Farmers in this community, knowing of the new and revised project, declared that if the proposed plan would end strife between various pooling organizations, there was some hope that prices might be realized the coming fall that would permit of a profit in grain raising. Many have also urged, and follow out, the advice of leading economists to reduce acreage by from fifteen to twenty-five percent—and adopt summer follow methods of crop production with more diversion from wheat than heretofore.

Board of County Commissioners In Regular Sessions

Authorization for publication of requests for bids on county printing and supply contracts will be one of the principal matters of business to come before the Board of County commissioners which opened its regular session for March here yesterday.

Prominent among other subjects being brot before the board is a petition by farmers living within a three mile limit of Edmore for a separate school district. Petitioners, now subject to what are declared excessive school taxes under the regime of the Edmore school system and said to in some instances equal \$120 a quarter section of land, plan the erection of their own school houses. It is contended the small schools and maintenance would materially reduce costs of operation. Before the sessions of the board closes, it is that warm discussions will develop.

Routine matters will, it is said, in all probably occupy at least another day of the meeting.

F. A. PLUMMER, A PIONEER HERE

Pioneer days of Devils Lake were recalled last week by the visitation of F. A. Plummer here to attend the Grain men's convention from Sables. Mr. Plummer, one of the three original incorporators of the Farmers' Grain Dealers association 11 years past and still retaining membership, was a resident of the city twenty-nine years ago.

"I recall" he said, "when not so many years ago, I could sit in my hotel window, the old Reed house which stood where the Great Northern hotel is now located, (and still existing but as an apartment building on third street) and look out over the broad expanse of Devils Lake. I could see the boat docks for the steamers touching this 'port' which I believe was located between the site where the Great Northern depot now stands and the round house. Fishing was plenty then, even in the winter large quantities were said to have been shipped." Mr. Plummer in his conversation recalled many scenes and happenings only remembered by residents of the early days all of which have been many times verified by the newer generations.

In the evening of Thursday, Mr. Plummer renewed many local acquaintances at the local masonic lodge. Altho located at Sables now in the grain business, he is still a booster for Devils Lake, pointing to its permanent steady growth and development and declared: "It will continue to grow and prosper; there is a fine set of people here and nothing to stop it."

Mrs. James McCanna of Cando was in Devils Lake Saturday on her way home from Rochester, where Mr. McCanna is receiving medical attention.