

FORMER U. S. SENATOR GRONNA EXPIRES AT HIS HOME AT LAKOTA

Lakota, N. D., May 10.—Following closely his return from Rochester, Minn., where he had consulted with the Mayo doctors, Ansel J. Gronna, 64, former United States senator from North Dakota, died at his home here at 9 o'clock Thursday night, from the effects of cancer.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. K. F. Crowing, Washington, D. C., Mrs. C. W. Lewis, Lakota, N. D., and Mrs. Joseph Herbert, Jr., Washington, D. C., and two sons, Arthur J. Gronna, a student at Harvard university and James D. Gronna of Lakota.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday, from the First Lutheran church at Lakota and Rev. L. A. Haatvedt officiated. The body lay in state at the Gronna residence, from 1 to 6 p. m. Sunday; 1 to 6 p. m. Monday and 10 a. m. until 1 p. m., the day of the funeral.

Mr. Gronna was born at Elkader, Clayton county, Iowa, on Dec. 10, 1858. His parents were immigrants from Naes, Hallingsdal, Norway. His father was engaged in farming, and Mr. Gronna's boyhood days were spent on a farm.

When he was two years old the family moved to Houston county, Minnesota, and Mr. Gronna was educated in the public schools of that county and in the Caledonia, Minn., academy. After leaving school he taught for several years, two years in Wilmington, Minn., and moved to Dakota territory in 1879. The young farmer and schoolteacher settled in Buxton, Buxton county, in 1881, and became clerk in a general store and postoffice. Later he engaged in the implement business there with O. B. Olson but sold out to Mr. Olson and went to Lakota. He married Bertha M. Ostby of Spring Grove, Minn., while at Buxton.

Bought Out Partner
At Lakota he bought out his former Buxton employer, Arne Moen, who had established a general store there. The years that followed, 1888, 1889 and 1890 were hard ones for this section of North Dakota. Flour was sent in that the pioneer settlers might have bread, and Gronna was chosen to distribute it in his section.

During this time, the value of the land decreased to almost nothing and young Gronna found himself with a number of quarters sections on his hands.

"You could get a quarter off him on trust like buying a jackknife from a friendly hardware man," to quote one old settler.

Return to prosperity, however, made the general store keeper wealthy. He engaged in the lumber business in addition to his other ventures, and was president of the Farmers & Merchants State bank of Lakota at the time of his death.

Served in 1889
Mr. Gronna was elected a member of the house of the legislature assembly of the territory of North Dakota and served as a member of the 18th territorial assembly in 1889, that being the last territorial assembly. Much of the time of that session was given over to business incident to the establishment of North Dakota as a state.

During the period from 1889 to 1900, Mr. Gronna, while active politically, held no office except local positions that included president of the Lakota board of trustees and president of the board of education.

While Mr. Gronna was in the United States Senate, he was favorably mentioned as ambassador to Sweden.

In 1902 he became the chairman of the Republican county central committee of Nelson county and he was re-elected to that position in 1904. In 1902 he was appointed to membership of the board of regents of the University of North Dakota by the then governor, Frank White.

First Election
Mr. Gronna's first election as a member of the house of representatives of the United States was in 1904, he being the nominee of the Republican state convention at Grand Forks that unseated B. F. Spalding of Fargo.

The maneuvers by which Mr. Gronna was nominated were influenced very largely. Alexander McKenzie, although in more recent years Mr. Gronna and Mr. McKenzie were of opposite views politically.

Mr. Gronna began his service as a member of congress on March 4, 1905, and he was re-elected in 1906 and 1908 and served until February, 1911.

The death of United States Senator M. N. Johnson in 1910, opened the way for Mr. Gronna's election to the United States senate. He was a candidate in the senatorial preferential election of 1910. The state at that time had a law by which the parties endorsed a candidate for senator, such endorsement to be considered binding under the legislative assembly which

Prominent Statesman Dies Thursday



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was the body that named United States senators.

Gronna Defeated Engerud
Mr. Gronna, while still a member of the house of representatives, became a candidate in that preferential primary being opposed by the late Edward Engerud, whom he defeated by a vote of 34,081 to 21,565. Mr. Gronna resigned from the house of representatives upon the ratification of his election by the state legislature and he took his seat in the United States Senate Feb. 2 1911. He was re-elected for a six-year term in 1914. By the time that his term expired, Mr. Gronna had become chairman of the committee of agriculture of the United States senate, and by virtue of such chairmanship, he was sponsor of a bill under the terms of which the federal farm land bank system was established.

In the 1920 election, Mr. Gronna was a candidate for the Republican election, being opposed by Dr. E. F. Ladd of Fargo, and Frank White of Valley City. Mr. Gronna was defeated, receiving 51,142 votes to 54,957 votes received by Dr. Ladd, the Nonpartisan league candidate and 5,477 votes received by Frank White. His elimination from the senate, resulted from the political arrangements worked out very largely by Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. Gronna had announced his candidacy for the United States senate in the primary election of 1922 and his name was submitted to the Nonpartisan league convention in Fargo. He was not accepted by that convention, but continued in the field as a candidate.

Sick About Seven Months
Mr. Gronna's ailment dated from a period six or seven months ago. He was not in good health last fall, but during the winter showed much improvement.

Shortly after his return to the state from Washington, where he spent 10 days or two weeks, at the time of the hearing in the Andrew Miller judgeship case, he was attacked by influenza that left him much weaker. When he was strong enough he went to Rochester for a physical examination and was told at that time that an operation would be necessary. He returned to his home and went back to Rochester on Tuesday night, April 11, and underwent an operation Thursday morning, April 13, and left the hospital April 23 for his home. When he was under the knife it was found his ailment was inoperable.

Funeral Tuesday
The funeral took place at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon and was conducted on the lawn of the family home at Lakota. Rev. L. A. Haatvedt, pastor of the First Lutheran church of Lakota, officiated.

Friends, persons prominent throughout the North Dakota, in all walks of life, attended the services and masses.

Flowers of virtually every hue, literally covered the pier of Mr. Gronna. Among those who paid tribute to the former senator by sending flowers, were Senator La Follette, Walsh, and Poindexter, former associates, Telegrams and letters of condolence, from various sections of the country, continue to come to Mrs. Gronna, widow of the deceased, and hundreds of these have been received.

Among Attendants
Among those who attended the services today, were: Gov. R. A. Nestos, representing state officials; Justice A. M. Christianson, representing the North Dakota supreme court; John Knauff, Jamestown; Theodore G. Nelson, Matt Johnson, Fargo; J. D. Bacon, M. Norman and P. O. Thorson, Grand Forks; P. D. Norton, Mandan; Terger Sinnes, Devils Lake; Gunder Olson, Fargo; M. Rabinovich, Grand

BAND CONCERT EACH SATURDAY

On Thursday of last week a contract was signed between the officers of the Boy Scout Band and Earl E. Mann as secretary-treasurer of the committee of business men for a series of 30 free open air concerts to be given on the streets of Devils Lake during the coming summer, the first concert to be given last Saturday. In case of rain or inclement weather which would make it inconvenient for the boys to play on the street the concerts will take place at the opera house.

The concerts will be given in the afternoon from one until three o'clock and in the evening from six o'clock until eight. The boys will be provided with chairs on which to sit while playing, and they will not play on the same street corner twice in succession. In order to give all the business men the same amount of benefit from the concerts the boys will play on all the principal corners of the city. During the concerts people are asked not to park their cars on the street too close to the players.

Not only will the street concerts be given during each Saturday during the summer months, but on market days an other special affairs as well, and if 30 concerts are not given by the boys by the time cold weather sets in, the remaining entertainments will be given at the Grand during the winter months on Sunday afternoons. These will also be free to everyone.

Treasurer Mann tells The World that practically all the money needed to put the contract over has already been raised, and there is absolutely no reason why the proposition should not go through big as soon as the concerts have been given for a few weeks. The money raised will be used in paying the band \$3,000 for 30 concerts and the balance will be used for the purpose of advertising the concerts all over the lake region.

CRARY NAMED STATE PRINTER

E. M. Crary of Devils Lake, who for a number of years published a newspaper at Crary and later moved his plant to Edmore, and more recently owned and published the Devils Lake World, which paper he sold two years ago, and since then has been in the insurance business, was last Saturday appointed state printer, and left for Bismarck Sunday to be on the job Monday morning to take up his official duties. The appointment was made by the state printing commission and pays a salary of \$2500 per year.

Mr. Crary has been in the newspaper business in Ramsey county for about 30 years and is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the printing game. His work in his new position will not be new to him.

Dancing Season at Park Pavilion

The first dance of the season at the City Park pavilion was given last Saturday evening and was attended by a very large number of people. Manager Swenson announces that during the balance of the spring and summer a dance will be given at the pavilion every Wednesday and Saturday evening whenever the weather permits, and the general public is cordially invited to come and enjoy itself under the most favorable dancing conditions to be found in the state. Mr. Swenson has spared neither time nor money in fixing up everything possible that would in any way add to the convenience or comfort of the dancing public, and promises everyone who comes the best of everything.

John A. Bryn of Grand Harbor township was a business caller in the city Friday.

Forks; Victor Corbett and John J. Lee, Minot.

All of the immediate members of the family, with the exception of Mrs. Joseph Herbert, Jr., Washington, D. C., a daughter, who was unable to attend, were present at the funeral and burial of Mr. Gronna. Burial of Mr. Gronna was made in the family lot of the Lakota cemetery.

Pallbearers
The active pallbearers were: Fred Ferris, A. E. Sheets, C. I. Libby, R. Rasmussen, Peter Jorgenson and F. W. Keitzman, all of Lakota. Honorary pallbearers were: Gov. R. A. Nestos, P. D. Norton, Mandan; Terger Sinnes, Devils Lake; Victor Corbett, Minot; Judge N. C. Young, Fargo; John Knauff, Jamestown; J. E. Sandlie, Grand Forks, and John Andrews, Fargo.

Mr. Gronna's death, according to physicians, while it was expected within a few months—three or four—was not looked for at this time. The death certificate shows that the direct cause of death was a blood clot in the heart.

NORDEN CHORUS ELECTS OFFICERS

Persuant to the call of president John Solum, the Norden Chorus met at the Labor Hall Monday night. The immediate cause of the meeting was to reorganize the chorus to take up the rehearsal of the numbers for the Sangerfest at Sioux City, Iowa in July. Also to furnish music for some of the big Norwegian conventions to be held in the city during the summer. The meeting was called to order by the President, O. I. Hjelle. He then called for the next order of business, which was the election of the directors for the coming year, with the following results:

President, Siver Serungard.
Vice-president, O. I. Hjelle.
Secretary, Bernhart Erickson.
Treasurer, Martin Hoghaug.
Musical director Louis Vaag of Petersburg, N. D.

The Chorus is very fortunate in securing the services of this wonderful tenor as leader. He has been a student of the Conservatory of Music at Grand Forks and is one of the best tenors in the state.

The first rehearsal will be held at the St. Olaf's church basement Thursday evening, May 11th 1922, at 8 o'clock p. m. All music lovers interested in Norwegian singing are invited to be present. The new president made an appeal to the members to be there promptly on time.

THIEVES STEAL TIRES AND RIM

It is now getting unsafe to leave a car outside during the night for fear that a part of it might be gone by morning. Up to the present time no thefts of cars have been reported to the sheriff's office, but in several cases, thieves have stolen tires and other parts of cars which were not under lock and key. Three tires and rims were stolen from a car owned by John Shaffer on the J. Wolfe farm east of Webster and the same night two tires and rims were taken from a car owned by Tom O'Brien one mile east of the Shaffer farm. No clue to the identity of the thieves has been found.

M. E. CONFERENCE HERE THIS WEEK

The district conference of the west half of the Grand Forks district of the M. E. church is being held at the Methodist edifice in this city yesterday and today. The program started last evening at 7:30 o'clock and will last all day today. The speakers from outside the district are Dr. Gornall of Ohio and Dr. E. P. Robertson of Wesley college. The following ministers are either present or are expected to arrive during the day: A. Rue, Canad; W. A. Dunnett, Churchs Ferry; V. A. Major, Starkweather; W. W. Smith, Rook Lake; C. T. Ensign, Edmore; H. P. Cooper, Lakota; W. L. Clough, Finley; C. A. Armstrong, Hope and Supt. W. J. Hutchinson of Grand Forks.

17 1-2 Years for Un-natural Father

John Peotok of Towner county entered a plea of guilty before Judge Buttz here last week to the charge of being father to a child born to his 16-year-old daughter, and was sentenced to serve a term of 17 1-2 years in the state penitentiary. He is 46 years old. State Transportation Officer Skeels of the penitentiary arrived here last Friday to take the man to prison to serve out his sentence.

National Hologlaget Meets Here June 8-10

The national convention of the Hologlaget of Norway will be held in Devils Lake June 8, 9, and 10. Delegates from all over the United States will attend and many from Canada. About 1,000 in all are expected to be present. This big three day session is one of the numerous events which will extend the attraction of the City Park 39 days.

RADIO OUTFIT NOW WORKING

The new radio outfit recently ordered Archie Miller of the Grand Theatre is all here and already installed at the theatre ready for work. It was given a tryout the fore part of the week, and while it worked fairly well there were many adjustments to make before getting the working parts in perfect order to get the best results under conditions as they exist here. Mr. Miller believes that he will have everything in the very best of adjustment to night, where he expects to give his audience at the theatre some entertainment with the sounds that he will pull out of the air.

GRAFTON MAN IS NIGHT OFFICER

W. E. Wyman, former chief of police at Grafton, N. D., is now employed as night policeman in Devils Lake, taking the place of Ed Callinan, who resigned to go back to work as conductor for the Great Northern Railway. Mr. Wyman arrived here on Wednesday of last week, and took up the duties of his new position immediately. He is six feet tall, is well built in every way, and to a man up in a tree appears to be able to hold his own with anything that he might come in contact with while protecting the peace and dignity of the city during the night. Devils Lake can now boast of having the largest police force from a point of size of the men to be found in the state. Mr. Wyman has had many years experience as a peace officer, has always made good, and there is every reason to believe that we'll find him to be everything we might expect from a man holding down his position.

While coasting on the sidewalk one day last week, John Stenson, the eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stenson, Jr., broke his right arm at the elbow, when he fell from his wagon.

GRAIN FIELDS GETTING GREEN

A trip out in the rural districts of the county shows a large amount of wheat put in two weeks ago already up and the grain is coming up so fast since the rains last week that there is a marked difference in the fields every day. The farmers of the Lake region start out this spring with prospects for a bigger crop than they have for many years, and the prospects could not be any brighter. Not only is the ground in a better condition than it has been for a number of years during the spring season, but the cost of putting the crop in is lower now than it has been at any time since the war. A big yield this year with a low cost of production will put many of the farmers in a much better financial condition, and business all around will get back to normal again. Last year while the yield in many cases was fairly good, the cost of putting in the crop was so great that the farmer had very little left after he paid his bills in the fall.

New Fountain For Grocery Store

A new fountain on which to store vegetables during the spring and summer months so as to keep them in a fresh condition at all times has been installed at the Gerlum & Starr grocery store. The fountain is the only one of its kind in the city, and it attracting the attention of everyone who has seen it work. During the entire time that it is in operation a fine spray of ice cold water is thrown on all vegetables put on the several shelves around it, and after cooling and refreshing the vegetables the water runs into the sewer. No contraption was ever invented that can keep things in a fresher condition than is possible with this fountain.

BALL LEAGUE MAKES PLANS

Baseball enthusiasts of the city met last Sunday evening at the Elks' club rooms for the purpose of further perfecting the City Baseball League which was given a good start about ten days ago, and to ascertain just what had been done by the several managers appointed to look after the organizing of the several teams which will constitute the league. Frank Dorricott announced that the Great Northern team was already to start work any time as he had all his players lined up for business. Managers of the other teams were still lining up players, who are not coming forward as fast as it was expected they would. In order to remedy this it was thought advisable to appoint a committee to go out and solicit players, and this was done. Temporary managers who will do this soliciting work are Palmer Melhouse for the young men's team, Doc Hughes of the Elks team and "Dutch" Hofmeister of the Howitzer-American Legion team. These temporary managers not only agreed to get their teams ready in the shortest possible time, but to take them out for practice as well, and have them out for practice as well, and have them in the pink of condition when they are needed for the opening day.

Another meeting will be held at the Elks club rooms this evening at eight o'clock when the several temporary managers will make their reports and receive further instructions if necessary.

MANY ATTRACTIONS AT PARK

The chautauqua season at the City Park this year will start on June 18, and as had been the case during the past 10 years or more the program each season is better than the one before. People throughout the Lake region have learned this, know that they might expect the best here, and have never been disappointed. The attractions this year will be better than ever before, and are now being arranged by Secretary Edgar La Rue of the chautauqua association. The session this year will last 22 days, and following this there will be many other events following which will provide amusement for the residents at the park for 40 days or more.

Among the list of attractions to take place during the coming season are the following:

- June 8-9 and 10, National convention of the Hollinglagers.
- June 10 to 25, encampment of the State National Guard.
- Week of June 18, meeting of the American Legion.
- June 18 to July 9, 22 days, the Chautauqua session.
- July 10 to 16, Epworth League convention.
- July 11 to 14, Ramsey county fair.

KALLIAS BABY DIES SATURDAY

Louis Kallias, one of the two babies shot by their father here two weeks ago, died at the Mercy hospital last Saturday morning. Although the boy was seriously injured and for a time his case looked hopeless, he started getting better and his attendants believed he would recover until Thursday of last week when meningitis set in and he gradually grew weaker until his death. The deceased was 15 months old and was the youngest of the two babies shot by their father. His older brother is getting along fine, and last Saturday was removed from the hospital to the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Anderson.

The funeral took place at the Gilbertson undertaking parlors last Tuesday afternoon and interment took place at the G. A. R. cemetery.

Auditor Kramer Is Strong Man

County Auditor, J. A. Kramer, announces himself as a candidate for re-election to the office he now holds. Mr. Kramer has held this office for a number of years during which time he has given it his undivided study and attention, and we doubt if there is a more competent county auditor in the state than he is proving himself to be. People of all factions residing in all parts of the county have the highest regard for him both personally and as a county official, and it is generally conceded that it will take a mighty strong man to win over him at the coming election. Up to the present time no other candidates has come out for this place.

S. OF N. PROGRAM AND BIG DANCE

All arrangements have been completed for the big dance to be given at the City Park pavilion by the Sons of Norway lodge of Devils Lake on Tuesday evening of next week, and from the number of tickets to this big event already sold, and from expressions made by members of other lodges in surrounding towns the attendance will be larger than at any dance ever given by the lodge here. Sons of Norway members all over the Lake region are planning on being present, and the committees in charge of the dance have made plans to look after the wants of all who come.

A short program will take place before the dance, and this will start at 7:30 in the evening so it will be all over with early enough for the dancing to start at the usual hour. Among the numbers on the program will be talks given by Attorney Sinnes and Siver Thompson of Devils Lake, and several songs will be sung by the Norden Chorus consisting of 20 trained voices. Lunch will be served at midnight.

The floor committee will take special pains to see that strangers are properly taken care of and have a good time. The dances given by this lodge in the past years have proven to be out of the ordinary in the way that strangers were looked after, and we are told that this feature will not be neglected this year.

While the committees want all who come to have the very best kind of a time, no rowdism will be tolerated at the pavilion, and a special officer will be on the ground to see that order is preserved during the dance. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

ASKS Historical Society CAMP IN MAXIMUM STRENGTH

Archie Miller, president of the Civic & Commerce Association, received the following letter a few days ago asking that the association as well as the residents of Devils Lake in general do all in their power to recruit the local Howitzer company up to its full strength before the national guard encampment which takes place at the Rock Island Military grounds here from June 10 to 24.

1. The 1922 annual maneuver and target practice of the National Guard of North Dakota will be held at Rock Island Military Reservation, near Devils Lake, N. D., from June 10 to June 24, 1922, inclusive.

2. As Governor I am anxious to see the citizen soldiers of the State become more closely affiliated with our essential civic organization and having in mind a way to that end, I am taking the liberty of addressing you in this letter.

3. As a foreword, I desire to say that the State is interested in maintaining a National Guard as an exercise of its constitutional and sovereign right to bear arms. The intent of this constitutional provision was to place at the disposal of the Chief executive, a final means of enforcing law and order, should, in his opinion the use of such a force be justified. The Federal Government is interested in maintaining the Guard of our States as a second line of defense to be used in case of National Emergency, and with a view to training it and developing it progressively, has appropriated \$80,000.00 to defray the total expenses of the approaching encampment. This does not take into consideration equipment issued by the Federal Government without expense to the State.

4. In view of the importance attached to this work by the Federal Government and because of the appropriateness of supporting State laws if required, and aiding and rendering assistance in cases of emergency with citizen soldiery, and in consideration of the large amount of money invested by our Federal Government, may I not ask the active cooperation and influence of your club to the end that the approaching camp may be a success?

The assistance desired of your club may be briefly stated, in order that most training may be disseminated, it is desired that each organization go to camp with its maximum strength, viz: for Howitzer, company 2 officers and 65 enlisted men. Unfortunately some employers object to members of Military companies leaving their work for training and are both active and resourceful in the efforts to discourage, not only the attendance of employees at Camp, but also their membership to military organizations.

Your club can be of great assistance in correcting this condition by:

(a) Assuming a sponsorship for the Military Organization of your city and attaching to it a committee from your club.

(b) Making the company one of the essential civic organizations of your city, instilling into it a local pride and making the men feel that they carry the confidence and interest of your people wherever they may be sent.

(c) Obtaining the local support of every business man to the extent that he will encourage enlistments in the guard and encourage their employees who might be members, to attend drills and encampments.

(d) Boosting your local company as you do all other local enterprises.

5. A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Capt. A. W. McLean, Howitzer Co., 164th Inf. (1st N. D.) stationed at your city, with a request that he will call on you with a view to cultivating a sympathetic relation with your club, and presenting to you in detail, the special difficulties that confront him, with any suggestions he may have as to the best method of overcoming them.

6. Thanking you in anticipation of any service you may be able to render along these lines indicated here in, I am,

Very respectfully,
R. A. NESTOS,
Governor of the State of North Dakota.

G. A. FRASER,
Adjutant General.

JUDGE LAUDER TO ENTER U. S. SENATE RACE

Wahpeton, N. D., May 10.—Judge W. S. Lauder, of Wahpeton, will file for the nomination for United States Senator at the June Primary to friends of Judge Lauder here. It is said that petitions are being prepared for circulation by him.