

MANY LAW CHANGES ASKED BY STATE DEPARTMENTS

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—Scores of recommendations have been made by the various state departments for consideration of the coming session of the legislature. Among the more important recommendations, briefly stated are:

Board of Railroad Commissioners
 Authorization to employ special commerce counsel in important railroad and utility cases.

Passage of law requiring drivers of motor buses to stop before crossing railroad tracks.

Provide for employment of two assistant engineers and telephone supervisor.

Commissioner of Immigration
 Appropriation to permit employment of field agents.

Giving of the state aid to persons purchasing farms by loaning 75 to 80 percent of purchase price.

Revival of home builders association.

State Engineer
 Appropriation sufficient to provide three full-time engineers for next two years for irrigation work.

State to establish one or more irrigation demonstration farms to demonstrate feasibility of small irrigation projects.

Relieve state engineer from duties as secretary of highway commission.

Opposing law to provide three highway commissioners on full time.

Provide funds to maintain highways constructed under federal aid, as required by U. S. government.

Legislation empowering railroad commissioners and highway commission to enforce "reasonable compliance" in the matter of grade crossing elimination.

Establish uniform traffic regulations for highways.

Place portions of state highways lying within cities or villages improved with federal aid under control of state highway commission.

Make salary of executive of highway commission not less than \$4,500 a year and adjust other salaries.

Secretary of State
 Provide for codification of state laws.

Amend the law to provide that nominating petitions in presidential primary be filed not later than 30 days before election.

Require expense statements of candidates, to be verified.

Provide same ballot for men and women.

Representative, committee and other organizations attempting to influence result of election to file itemized statement of expenses and receipts.

Clarify election laws.

Provide that all officers, except federal, be nominated and elected on nonpartisan ballot.

Limit corporations in their purpose to a certain class of related subjects.

Restrict issuance of Charter to incorporation until "a certain percent, say 25 percent, of the authorized capital stock has been paid in."

Make a large enough appropriation for blue sky commission to permit

employing of a competent auditor or auditors to analyze financial statements, etc.

Require issuer of speculative securities to execute bond in sum of \$50,000.

Provide name of notary public appear on his seal.

Limit number of notaries and require them to keep a record of all official acts.

Tax Commissioner
 If legislature contemplates changes in classification law there should be careful study as to effect of changes upon distribution of the tax burden.

Abolish present scheme of double exemptions or deductions either by taxing such property on the basis of 50 per cent of actual value or by exempting it entirely.

Relieve local boards of taxing districts of arbitrary tax limitations providing safeguards.

Make impossible for any board to issue warrants in excess of the amount on hand plus the amount of unpaid taxes levied for the current and prior years.

Clarify debt limitations statutes.

Provide for county assessors.

Substitute gross earnings tax for general property tax upon telephone systems.

Revise bank tax laws.

Remedy defects in state income tax law.

Provide for fiscal auditors to aid in administration of income tax law.

Changes in income tax law proposed to increase revenue from taxation of corporations from \$450,000 annually to \$750,000 annually. Increase revenue from individuals from \$50,000 annually to \$1,250,000 annually.

Repeal inheritance tax laws.

Substitute gross earnings tax in lieu of property tax on local deposits.

Consider question of repealing capital stock tax law, obtaining revenues through income tax law.

If poll tax is continued provide for more effective collection.

Dairy Commissioner
 Provide for carrying on work of eradicating bovine tuberculosis.

Amend cow bill to provide counties may issue bonds or warrants for purchase and sale to approved petitioning farmers.

State Auditor
 Provide for making of temporary loans by state to bridge over period when general funds are low.

Repeal numerous obsolete laws for small taxes.

Authorize cancellation of all warrants outstanding five years.

Commissioner of Insurance
 Legislation revising the present North Dakota Standard Fire Insurance policy to comply with the valued policy law, etc.

Making insurance commissioner receive of defunct insurance companies.

A law providing for the building of chimneys in compliance with "ordinance" drafted by National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Supervision of rates; state health and accident insurance.

Hail Insurance Department
 Provide that insurance on fall and winter grain shall take effect May 25th of each year.

Provide that in case the number of acres in crop, as shown on the cropping blank in the column provided for showing such cropped lands, do not correspond with the cropped acreage shown on the diagram on the face of the cropping blank, the number of acres as given in the cropping lands shall govern.

Permit extension of time for withdrawal to July 1.

Permit commissioner of insurance to issue securities in anticipation of hail taxes due.

Increase allowance for county auditors doing hail insurance work.

NOONAN NEWS

(From Staff Correspondent.)
 Emil Erickson called in Southam Saturday.

Tillman Tweeten has been on the sick list this week.

Leslie Reardon was a visitor in Devils Lake Monday.

Mrs. Joe Parkas and son were visitors among the shops in Devils Lake.

On account of the blizzard Tuesday all the children were unable to attend school.

Francis Reardon called at the Kraft home Wednesday.

Messrs. Fred and Herman Perkum were business callers in Southam Friday.

Frank Schwan has been visiting at the Mike Singer home near Keith.

The program which was given at Noonan school Friday night, was well attended, and everybody it.

Clarence Steinhaus was on the sick list this week.

Miss Mary Kraft who was employed at the Reardon home left for her home near Southam Wednesday.

George Hoff left Saturday for Devils Lake, where he will spend Christmas.

Frank Bruce was a caller in Southam Friday.

Peder Erickson was a caller in Southam Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Johnson of Nome, N. D., are visiting at the Peder Erickson home.

D. E. Wharton left Friday for Fargo, where he will spend Christmas.

Eugene Bruce called in Southam Saturday.

A number of young folks from Noonan attended the surprise party at Walkers Saturday evening.

Miss Hattie Perkum visited at Sorbils Saturday.

Arthur Erickson was ill at the Mercy hospital with blood poisoning returned home Friday.

John Parkas is now assisting at the J. M. Killolea home.

Earl MacNamar called at Parkas Friday night.

George Tweeten visited at the S. Erickson home Saturday.

Eno Isaacson called in Lawton Saturday.

RAMSEY NEWS

(From Staff Correspondent.)
 (Dec 20)

Ludwig Larson was in Devils Lake for several days last week, having some dental work done and visiting at the Sivert Bromseth and Peter Morgan homes.

Services will be conducted in the Norway church on Christmas Day.

At the yearly business meeting of the members of the Norway church, it was decided to have english services as often as the pastor could arrange it.

Island school and their teacher, Miss Gretel Moen will entertain the patrons and friends on Dec. 22nd, by giving an appropriate Christmas program.

Mr. Edwin Foss and Mrs. Paul Foss accompanied by Viejborn Halvorson and Carl Nelson, drove by car to Devils Lake on Saturday. They report the road thru Grand Harbor twp., rather rough and impossible for cars, registered 32 below on Saturday morning. Some weather!

Mr. Ole Krokum from near Grand Harbor was in Devils Lake Saturday attending to business and renewing acquaintances.

Mr. and Mrs. Holstein were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Nestegaard of Devils Lake for several days last week.

Mrs. Tom Moen and son Clause were in Devils Lake Saturday.

The barn at school No. 3 is altogether too small to accommodate the patrons who live so far that they must drive. The board of directors must comply to the law of cruelty to animals and arrange for barn room immediately.

The many friends of Miss Annie Halvorson are glad to learn that she will return from Grand Forks this week.

Mrs. Tom Christianson has been in Devils Lake the latter part of the week, as the guest of relatives and friends. She was threatened with blood poisoning in her hand as the result of an injury and thought it best to remain in the city for a time.

Torwald Peterson and Isaac Peterson were Devils Lake business callers Monday.

Martin Timboe and an acquaintance from Silvia were visitors in Devils Lake Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Burdick from Graham's Island was a recent business visitor here.

Hans Moen was in Devils Lake Monday.

MILLION TONS OF LIGNITE IS MINED THIS YEAR

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 27.—Production of lignite coal exceeded one million tons in the year from October 1921, to October 1922, inclusive, for the first time, according to the annual report of John Hanwell, state mine inspector. The production for the year just past is placed at 1,057,323 tons and the value at \$2,782,771.22.

Records for the production of lignite coal begin with the year 1911. By years they are given in the mine inspector's report as follows:

1911	502,628
1912	499,480
1913	295,320
1914	306,685
1915	528,078
1916	634,912
1917	790,548
1918	813,000
1919	783,994
1920	878,969
1921	895,715
1922	1,057,323

The steady growth in production of lignite coal is accompanied by an increase in the number of men employed, although improved machinery has also been a factor in increased production. These were the mine inspector reports, 1,963 men employed in and about the mines in 1922 as compared to 1,704 in 1921. The report of the mine inspector includes 120 mines in 1921 as compared to 128 in 1922, the report stating that it is difficult to attempt to list all of the small mines operating in the state.

There were but four fatal accidents during the year.

More Growth Seen.
 An increased production for the year 1923 is predicted in the report.

"The number of mines in operation varies but little from year to year in the state of North Dakota," the report says. "Each year finds a number of mines worked out and abandoned and new mines open to take their places. We are pleased to note that a number of new mines have commenced operating during the past year and that a number of other operations are contemplated. In view of this fact we look for an increased production in this state for the coming year."

LARIMORE DISTRICT IS STILL WILD, SAYS PAPER

The following yarn, under a Larimore, N. D., date line, appeared in the Chicago Saturday Blade of December 16 issue. It tells of the "miraculous escape" by two Larimore residents from a howling pack of ravenous wolves. It is not known just what could have inspired the writer but his imagination surpassed that of the small boy who pictured his playmate's dog as a huge grizzly bear that was anxious to devour every human being in sight:

"Larimore, N. D., Dec. 14.—Surrounded by a pack of howling wolves, Miss Lena Larson and Swen Swenson, mired in an automobile five miles from Larimore, tore off piece by piece of their clothing, set fire to each successive piece with a match and thrust the flaming mass into the darkness to stave off the hungry pack until daylight. When they had cast off all but their undergarments and the beasts made ready for a concerted attack, they threw a match into the engine of the car and leaped out in a last desperate attempt to save their lives. The automobile flamed until dawn. The wolves then dispersed, and the couple took refuge in a farmhouse.

"Swenson and Miss Larson were driving to a dance. So accustomed was Swenson to turning off the road to the wagon path leading to the grain fields of the farm on which he worked that he accidentally turned off with the car that night and was mired before he discovered the mistake. They had about decided to walk the five miles to the dance when a wolf hove in sight at the top of the low hill sloping from the ravine next to which ran the wagon path. One by one the pack assembled. Swenson had nothing but the crank and several wrenches to fight them off. In pairs the beasts dashed up to the machine Miss Larson beating them off on one side and Swenson on the other.

"Hopelessly outnumbered they conceived the idea of staving the pack off with fire. Swenson stripped off his overcoat, set it on fire and threw it out in front of the machine. Then Miss Larson took off her coat. So they continued until they sat, shivering from the cold, clad only in underclothing. As a last resort they set fire to the car, and that alone held the wolves at bay until daybreak."

Fessenden Man to Succeed W. L. Nussle as District Judge
 Fred Jansonius, of Fessenden, county judge of Wells county for the past 12 years, has been named by Governor Nestos as judge of the Fourth district which was made vacant by the election of W. L. Nussle of the Supreme bench. He has practiced law in the district for 18 years.

Fairdale Farmer May Lose Hands As Result of Freezing in Storm

Fairdale, N. D., Dec. 27.—Olous Monson, farmer near here may lose his hands as a result of a severe freezing when he was lost on his way home in a recent blizzard. At present he is in Grafton receiving treatment but the hands are said to be perfectly useless.

Monson had been to town and was well on his way home when he lost his way. After wandering for some hours in the storm he finally landed at the home of a neighbor about half mile from his own home.

Money to loan on farm land at reasonable rates. John W. Maher, of

WILLISTON MAN SUED FOR \$75,861 IN U.S. DIST COURT

Fargo, N. D., Dec. 27.—Patrick H. Rahilly of Lake City, Minn., is suing Michael O'Laughlin of Williston, N. D., for \$75,861, principal and interest on various sums alleged fraudulently obtained over a period reaching back nearly 50 years, according to papers in the case just filed in the United States district court here.

The complaint tells a story of the two men living as neighbors in Wabasha county, Minn., in 1875. It recites transaction after transaction in which it alleges O'Laughlin through fraud, obtained the endorsement of Rahilly or credit from him.

Finds Farm Mortgaged
 Rahilly eventually discovered that a farm which O'Laughlin had represented as unencumbered security had an \$11,000 mortgage against it, say the allegations; that the defendant's mother, who was surety for him together with Rahilly had signed away a farm which had made her signature of no value, that O'Laughlin hadn't 3,000 bushels of wheat on which he had borrowed \$3,000 under Rahilly's signature; and that O'Laughlin had sold some horses on which Rahilly was to realize part of the money due him.

Located in North Dakota
 Later he traced him to North Dakota, the complaint further states, and at Rolla in 1896 O'Laughlin made out to Rahilly 14 \$1,000 promissory notes—the amount due him. He did this, the instrument dealers, "being moved thereto by a sense of his own responsibility to this plaintiff for many great favors and by compunction for the many acts of fraud and duplicity which he had committed."

Some time prior to Feb. 5, 1903, O'Laughlin had been adjudged bankrupt in the United States district court here, but he had waived the statute of limitations and acknowledged the debt in writing since then, according to the complaint.

New Legislation to Protect Children

"Labor, whether organized or not, can give whole-hearted support to the child welfare program proposed to the coming legislature by the North Dakota Children's Cole commission," declares Mrs. Margaret Froats of Grand Forks, a member of the commission.

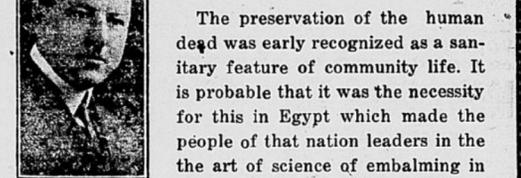
"Child protection has been a cardinal principle with progressive labor movements everywhere. Labor has wrought mightily in obtaining better conditions for child workers and in protecting those who should not work. Therefore, the commission's bills to strictly protect children under 14 years from undue labor, in safeguarding the older one who work, in improving school facilities, in building bulwarks to strengthen the home and in caring for unfortunate parents deserve the support of labor everywhere.

"If the commission's program is inducted into law it will not only care for the defective children who need special treatment and special safeguarding, also that is a large part of the plant. It will give every boy and girl in the state, normal as well as defective, a chance for a normal childhood. It will forbid, thru the 14-years age limit, undue work in the years when a child should be going to school and developing thru play. It will help to safeguard others up to 78 years. It will keep child laborers from unhealthy and other employment that may have innumerable effect. The compulsory school attendance law will give all a better chance for an education. Moreover, that school attendance bill—which make completion of the 8th grade, with a maximum age of 18 for attendance the rule—will help many a backward boy and girl to a better education where the present law for mere attendance up to 17 years regardless of results to often fails to solve the problems.

"Our proposals do not interfere with work on the farm or in the home so there can be no criticism on that score.

"Labor is, of course, interested in the general welfare and social and moral uplift features as well as the labor of the case. I hope every public spirited citizen will urge his or her legislators to support the program."

A MODERN MORTUARY INSTITUTION



The preservation of the human dead was early recognized as a sanitary feature of community life. It is probable that it was the necessity for this in Egypt which made the people of that nation leaders in the art of science of embalming in very early times. With us it is recognized as imperative. The service of the funeral director is of inestimable value both to the community and the individual.

The Gilbertson Undertaking Parlors, service has reached a very high standard of excellence. Nowhere in the country, perhaps, is there to be found a more modern or more completely equipped undertaking establishment. It is open for inspection to visitors.

Service is the keynote of the success of this establishment, and it is the attention and consideration for the families of those afflicted by the hand of death that has made the Gilbertson Undertaking Parlors. Mortuary one of the most interesting as well as one of the most serviceable of the institutions of the city.

E. W. GILBERTSON, FUNERAL DIRECTOR
 Furniture and Undertaking

NESTOS WILL ADVISE BOARD OF EXPERTS

With regard to the Bank of North Dakota proper, it is understood that Governor Nestos is prepared to recommend that in the interest of economy and for the welfare of the state to abolish the private or individual deposit features of the bank and to devote the energy of the management of the bank to complete development of the rural credits department and the handling of the funds belonging to the state and to the various institutions. When the present management of the Bank of North Dakota took over the bank the individual deposits amounted to \$26,000 and now are about \$13,000. The individual deposit feature, however, is held in administration circles to be a commercial function of the bank which ought to be dispensed with.

Prompt Bonus Payment.
 It is also known here that Governor Nestos plans to lay before the legislature the question of action to make possible the payment without delay of all soldier bonus claims, on a basis somewhat similar to the bill warrant sales negotiated by the administration.

State Will Pay Bonus Claims to Soldiers Soon
 Bismarck, Dec. 27.—Approximately 1,000 state soldiers bonus claims will be paid the first of January, according to the estimate of Adjutant General G. A. Fraser. This payment totals about \$250,000 and is expected to be realized from taxes paid in this fall and will be one of the largest single payments made under the state soldier bonus act.

The total number of claims paid will be raised to 7,800 on January 1, or a few days thereafter, it is estimated. Payments have been made up to number 6,825. The total number of claims filed is 22,003.

Payments of soldier bonus claims under the state act have reached a total of \$2,219,637.46 up to Nov. 1, according to the statement of the Adjutant General. This amount of money being paid since February 1, 1920. The number of claims paid in the last year increased considerably because of the tax from which funds are realized being raised from three-quarters to one mill. The average length of service of the North Dakota soldiers, sailors and marines being about 14 months.

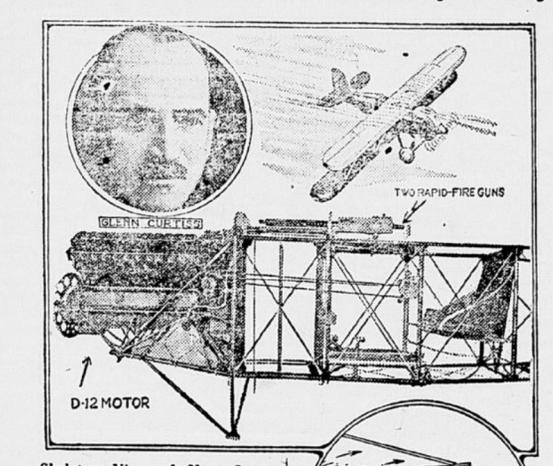
Whether any effort will be made to amend the present law in the forth coming session of the legislature to provide for a bond issue is held doubtful here.

BALD HEADED JOKE
 A clerk in a Centerville, Iowa, shoe store whose head was almost bald was trying on a pair of shoes for one of the female species. She was paying more attention to those around her than she was to her foot. When she happened to look down she spied the clerk's bald head and thinking it was her bare knee she quickly gathered her skirt and covered it. Timely assistance on the part of fellow clerks saved the bald one from suffocation.

Strayed—Three horses—4-year-old sorrel gelding, wt. 1300 lbs.; 5-year-old black gelding, wt. 1200; 7-year-old black mare, wt. 1000; all with star on forehead. Mike Burkhardt, meier, owner, Webster, N. D. 51-52-p

Experienced lady bookkeeper and stenographer wants position. Bank position preferred. Write 76 c-o World.

Fastest Pursuit Plane in World Gives America War Mastery of Sky



Skeleton View of New Curtiss Pursuit Plane, Showing Metal Construction.

The test performance of a new Curtiss Pursuit Plane has caused a sensation in the Army and Navy services. Ever since the Pulitzer Race at Detroit, in which a new all-American motor finished in the first four places, it has been expected that military planes of a super-type would make their appearance at almost any time. The actual performance of the first pursuit ship of a series surpasses expectation.

In many respects, this aeroplane is a departure from precedent. It uses the same Curtiss motor used in the racing ship at Detroit. It is equipped with wing radiators, the most radical advance in the art of cooling a motor since 1917, and which reduces the resistance of the air almost to zero. These features were expected. The construction, however, is said to possess, also, a new feature, in that the entire machine can be stored for a

and taken out of storage, ready to assemble and fly on twenty-four hours' notice.

This machine is also stated to be the first real fighting ship of all-American construction and design. While tests are not completed, expert opinion is that it is not only the fastest, but also the most powerful fighting ship in existence in any nation today.