

The State Day by Day

BOOST THE UNIVERSITY.

Fifteen Hundred Club Now Hard at Work.

The Fifteen Hundred club of the North Dakota university proposes doing some hard work before Sept. 1 and the opening of the fall term of the state institution, Sept. 22, towards accomplishing the object for which it was organized, the securing of an enrollment of 1,500 students for the coming year. The officials of the association are putting forth every effort to stir up enthusiasm in the campaign for new students for the next few weeks, and while there has been much work done during the summer months, it is believed that the campaign from now on will be much more strenuous and widespread.

The Fifteen Hundred club was organized last spring at the closing of the university for the summer season. A big mass meeting of the students was held at which the proposition was carefully considered, resulting in the launching of the movement for a larger enrollment. Officers were elected and committees named, each county in North Dakota being represented on the campaign committee. The county committees are in charge of the work in their respective counties, and many of them have done splendid work.

Former students, members of the alumni, present students and friends of the university have taken a great interest in the organization during the summer months, a long list of names of prospective students being the result of the work. From Sept. 1 on the supporters of the association is putting in their hardest work, for it is during this season of the year that school life is planned.

CUPID BRINGS CLAIM'S LOSS.

Homesteader Neglects to Take His Bride to Live on Land.

Because he got married Herman A. Strutz, who has land in the Bismarck land district, lost his claim. This procedure is so contrary to the Roosevelt family theory that an appeal has been taken to the general land office by counsel for Strutz.

Strutz, who is now a resident of Grand Forks, filed on the claim on Nov. 12, 1901. On July 31, 1903, he made final proof. His final proof was ordered suspended on May 23, 1908, and on Aug. 1, 1908, the Bismarck land office rescinded his claim to the land. The defendant did not have an attorney at his hearing. He asserted that he asked the United States commissioner at the time he proved up if he had a right to do so, and was informed that he had. He was a single man when he filed on the claim and spent a good share of his time on the land, although he visited his invalid mother at times.

Two weeks before he made final proof he was married, and made the fatal mistake of not taking his wife on the land. For this reason the special agent held up the final proof, in spite of the evidence that it had been made in good faith by Strutz.

ATTACKED JAILOR AND ESCAPES.

Prisoners Make a Dash for Freedom at Rolla.

When Jailer C. W. Albertson went into the jail at Rolla to lock the prisoners into the cells, he was set upon by Frank Demarais and James McNichol, who at first attempted to lock him in a cell. They did not succeed in this, and as Mr. Albertson was calling for help they released him and took to their heels. Demarais succeeded in getting away, but McNichol was caught and taken back to the jail. It will be remembered that Demarais is the man that was accused of breaking into a box car at Dunseith, and McNichol was held to answer to a charge of blindpicking. Both were ready to plead guilty for the past month, but they seem to have become tired of waiting, and concluded to make a run for it.

WANDERS ON PRAIRIE.

Strange Woman at Steele, N. D., First Drove Off Man's Rig.

Some excitement was created at Steele by the peculiar actions of a young woman who arrived from Wisconsin to visit her sister, Mrs. Peter Sorenson, living a few miles out. The woman drove off with the team of the man who was to take her from this point to her sister's home, while the man had dismounted to get her hat, which had blown off. The team was found many hours later, and the girl was not located till the next day, when she was wandering on the prairie. It is thought that disappointment in a love affair was responsible for her strange acts. She has been taken back to Wisconsin by relatives.

YIELDS FOR YEAR GOOD.

Valley City Sends Out Good Crop Reports From Barnes County.

The Russell Miller Milling Co. at Valley City has taken in about 16,000 bushels of hard wheat, all grading No. 1 Northern, or practically so. The yield runs from seven to fifteen bushels per acre, only two fields reporting as low as seven and the highest fifteen. The yield is generally ten to thirteen bushels per acre. They estimate the county at ten bushels.

SECOND ARREST.

Former Convict Accused of Raping a Young Girl.

George P. Burgess, who has served one five-year sentence in the state penitentiary at Bismarck for rape, was arrested by Sheriff Taylor charged with the offense of committing rape in the second degree upon the person of Catherine McKinnon, the ten-year-old daughter of Mrs. Elnora Hawkes. Burgess was given a hearing before Justice McIntosh. He waived examination, and was placed under bonds in the sum of \$3,000 for his appearance to answer in district court.

The history of the crime, as near as can be learned, is that Burgess induced the little girl to go riding with him Monday evening, and when in the vicinity of the far grounds he attempted to rape the child, and was partially successful, threatening the girl's life with a revolver if she told. When near the entrance to the grounds he got out of the buggy to open the gate, evidently intending to drive into the enclosure. While in the act of opening the gate the child jumped from the rig and ran to town. Upon reaching the Hotel Leland, where her mother has been a boarder for a month past, she told of what had transpired, and Burgess was at once placed under arrest.

Mrs. Hawkes, the mother of the girl, is practically a stranger in Cando, coming here from Bemidji, Minn., about a month ago, and has since been boarding at the Hotel Leland. It is stated that she has allowed the girl to run at will about town and mingle with boys at barns and sheds, and for this she has been repeatedly cautioned, but has allowed her daughter to continue without restraint.

McKinnon, the child's father, is said to be a resident of Bemidji, where he is now. Mrs. McKinnon, or Mrs. Hawkes, as she is known by since coming to Cando, and as her name appears in the complaint charging Burgess with the crime of rape, has been made the subject of considerable comment, owing to her apparent mixed marriage relations, or the fact that she has had a former husband.

NEW REVENUE FOR STATE.

North Dakota Secretary Demands License Fee of \$5 From Ticket Agents. Secretary of State Blaisdell has sent the following notice to railroad companies operating in this state:

"Your attention is called to article 6, R. S. N. D., with special reference to section 4309, providing for the licensing of all passenger ticket agents and the issuing of a certificate by the secretary of state upon the payment of \$5 in each case and for the proper posting of such license.

"Your further attention is called to section 4310, prohibiting the sale of tickets without the issuance of such certificate.

"Your further attention is called to section 4311, providing the penalty for non-compliance, which is made punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year or either or both in discretion of the court.

"Please ascertain the number of ticket agents of your company now selling tickets in this state and not acting under the provisions of said section 4309 in order that the law be complied with and licenses be duly issued."

The secretary on being interviewed about the matter said: "There is no particular significance to the request. The law is on the statute books, and whether wise or not, it is not for me to say—it means additional revenue and the state should have the money."

LIGHTNING HITS BARN.

Total Loss at Thompson Will Aggregate \$4,000.

Lightning struck the barn of Jake Lesman, residing one mile east of Thompson, and the building was completely destroyed. The loss is \$1,600. There was insurance of \$800.

The barn of Tom Johnson, west of Thompson, was also destroyed, causing a loss of \$1,500. It was stated yesterday that he carried no insurance.

A cupola of Grand Forks college was struck by lightning early yesterday morning, and about \$200 damage was the result. The blaze was a spectacular one. The fire started in the top of the cupola and burned downward rapidly. The fire department saved the college.

The electrical storm was accompanied by a heavy rain, which tied up the prairie over a wide area. Devils Lake reported a heavy rain. McCanna stated that threshing was not stopped.

FUEL SHORTAGE FEARED.

But Little Coal Has Thus Far Been Shipped Into North Dakota.

Fears are entertained in some parts of the state that the coal famine of two years ago will be repeated in North Dakota this winter should the temperature be low. Fargo dealers report there has not been more than 50 per cent of the coal shipped into the state that had been received up to Sept. 1 last year. Then the people were still alarmed over the shortage of the winter before.

North Dakota Nubbins

Streeter is to have a newspaper.

Velva is to have a monthly market day.

Rolette, at last, has a village marshal.

Walsh county has 6,708 school children.

Medina is a favorite cattle shipping point.

The Enderlin hospital has changed hands.

John Lobe sold the first wheat at Harvey.

The Enderlin Telephone Co. has been sold.

North Dakota lands continue to increase in value.

At Cando the dealers sold 200,000 pounds of twine.

White Earth is to have a steel cell for the city jail.

It will not be long till wooden sidewalks will be rare.

Some alleged blind piggers were pulled at Warwick.

Crete is getting to be an important grain shipping point.

Some traveling orchestras are to tour the state this winter.

That row over the county road work in Stutsman goes right on.

If the price of wheat is maintained flour will be in airship prices.

Velva claims to have the champion horse shoe pitcher of the state.

At Portland a family of twenty met after a separation of thirteen years.

The people of Medina want a night watchman during the yeggman season.

Minot has hung up \$2,500 worth of premiums for its harvest festival Sept. 28-29.

Game violators—some of them, at least, were prosecuted in Williams county.

Complaint was made to the state game warden about illegal shooting at Harvey.

A petition has been circulated at Brinsmade for the appointment of a night watch.

August Edman was caught between a wagon and a granary at Gwinner and badly squeezed.

The home grown divorce crop in North Dakota shows no sign of being affected by the rust.

The proposition to cut hay with bins, started in Cass county, is catching on over the state.

Every small boy with a muzzle loading musket is preparing to kill a few hundred prairie chickens.

The mail order houses are sending catalogues into the sections of the state that had the best crops.

John I. Hanson, an old-time Cass county man, is making a success of the hotel business in Wyndmere.

Harvey had a visit from P. A. Penner, a missionary to India, who has been in charge of a leper hospital.

Four of the speakers of the Richland county fair will be Burke, Marshall, M. N. Johnson and McCumber.

D. H. Fosburg, formerly a Methodist minister, is working some sections of the state with a sidewalk photo machine.

The efforts of Commissioner of Agriculture Glibreath to increase the interest in winter wheat will undoubtedly get good results.

At Edinburg some thirsty ones got a keg of beer and began to drink it on the main business street. The marshal seized the booze.

As a result of the exposures at Blaisdell one man has been arrested for violating the prohibition law and another is said to be missing.

As the threshing is on and the farmers are marketing their grain, the forehanded publisher is reminding delinquent subscribers that now is the time to dig up.

One farmer in Stutsman county has declared that farming is a failure, as it is said this season his crop from 200 acres was but a few shocks of grain. When it is explained that this particular man disced in his grain for three or four years in succession, the reason for a practical total failure this season is obvious. The poorer the year the more necessary it is that there be the best farming possible. Good farming always pays better dividends than "any old kind" of easy way.

A creamery is wanted at Hazelton.

Emmons county has a bridge scandal.

McCluskey has a new Masonic lodge.

A Velva man lost a dog with two collars.

The "hold your wheat" advocates are busy.

The Medina Telephone Co. will be enlarged.

Work on the Minto creamery is being rushed.

A negro petty thief escaped the officials at Milton.

The bonfires from burning strawstacks are in evidence.

Arrests have been made for the Minhaven P. O. robbery.

Carl A. Huffey was acquitted at Mott on a murder charge.

"Yield fair; quality good" is the report from many wheat fields.

The Minot harvest festival Sept. 28-29 promises to be a big affair.

The finish of the C. O. D. liquor business appears to be in sight.

Ole P. Borderud, a prominent pioneer president of Kindred, is dead.

Barber Jensen of Fullerton had an exciting time with a gasoline heater.

Landlord McIntyre of Grafton has been purchasing some more fine colts.

Horse thieves have been working over time near White Earth this summer.

"Billy" Ball of Devils Lake will rebuild his garbage, recently destroyed by fire.

The buildings at the new town of Concrete are to be erected of that material.

The Grand Forks musicians may follow the example of those in Fargo and organize.

The Great Northern is to add a passenger train on the line to Ellendale and Forbes.

Sparks from railway engines have started fires in stubble fields in some parts of the state.

The merchant who falls to advertise in his home paper is worse off than the foolish virgin.

Burnett La May, an alleged horse thief, skipped from McKenzie county ahead of the sheriff.

Johnson, Anderson & Johnson were the lowest bidders for the opera house work at Dickinson.

North Dakota has fully sustained its record of injured people by mowing and harvesting machines.

Lemons have been successful raised at Velva. The owner will soon be handing them to some people.

John Miller and Chas. Laudermark were arrested at Oakes on a charge of violating the prohibition law.

The cold water people are getting ready to put the kibosh on North Dakota violators of the prohibition law.

It is said that State Game Warden Smith is after C. L. Bickford of Bowbells for alleged violation of the state game laws.

Fake advertising schemes are being worked in some towns of the state. The business men should patronize their home papers.

Unless the country roads, along which rural mail routes are laid out, are kept in condition the mail service will be discontinued.

The cow catcher of a big N. P. freight and a rail got into a wrestling match, and it took an entire Italian gang to straighten out the trouble.

Some of the farmers say there was such a bombardment by early chicken shooters they thought Hero Hobson's dream about a war with Japan had come true.

The man, Bisson, and family, who worked the people in several towns in the state for transportation west, claimed to have been robbed of \$180 at Wahpeton.

The typhoid epidemics in several towns in the western part of the state are said to be due to lack of interest shown by property owners in cleaning up the town.

CAPT. EGBERT DEAD.

First Master Mason in North Dakota and Former Mayor of Fargo.

Fargoans have been notified of the death of Capt. Geo. Egbert at Portland. The deceased was the first mayor of the city of Fargo and the first master Mason in the territory of Dakota. He was also one of the earliest publishers in Fargo. Prior to his coming here the captain had lived in Pennsylvania and at Hastings, Minn. He was one of the early pioneers here and moved to Portland, Or., in 1890.

IN THE SCANDINAVIAN NORTH

Gleanings of Important News of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, with Occasional Comments.

By MARTIN W. ODLAND.

NORWAY.

Sears have been lately seen at Trysil, an uncommon occurrence in that part of the country of late years.

Dr. C. J. Gamburg has bequeathed 10,000 crowns to the fund for the support of doctors' widows and destitute old physicians.

Engineer Paul Nicolai Engelhart Hoff has been appointed director of the machinery department of the national railway system of Norway.

The storking has repealed the law compelling the pupils and teachers of the public schools to attend the functions known in Norway as "visitation-sermone," which are conducted by the clergy.

On leaving Christiania, President Fallieres, of France, donated 5,000 francs to the poor of the city, 1,000 francs to the children's "fresh air" fund, and 1,000 francs to the Catholic hospital. The distinguished Frenchman left many warm admirers at Christiania.

During his visit to Christiania, President Fallieres received as a present from King Haakon a fine statue of the old Norwegian king, Haakon the Fifth. The presentation ceremony was very impressive, the king being seated in state on his throne when the president entered.

Reports from certain parts of Norway convey the good news that the new crop of hay is excellent, both as to quantity and quality, and that a great deal of it has already been brought under roof, the weather having been most favorable. As the hay crop is an important one, this is good news indeed.

The French mining company, known as Mines de Fers d'Ulefos, after about four years of activity, has ceased operations for want of rich iron ore. It was employing some 50 men, who have found work with the Cappelen mining company near by. A railway built down to the North Sea by the French company was bought by Mr. Cappelen.

Olaf Mosafin, the well known violinist, celebrated recently the 80th anniversary of his birthday. He is still in good health and his hand has not lost its mastery over the bow. What the famous "Mollargotten" was to Ostlandet, Ola Mosafin has been to Vestlandet. He has played the folk melodies with rare power, and has composed many beautiful melodies of his own.

An experimental station for forestry is to be established at Bergen in connection with the "planteskole" maintained by the Bergen forestry society. The means are to be provided by the Nansen fund, which was started several years ago. It is believed that great results may be achieved by scientific experiments in timber culture—results that would prove of immense value to Norway in the work of reforestation that will be carried on the next generation.

While it is rather early to make definite statements as to the harvest in Norway, all signs point to a very satisfactory year, which is doubly fortunate on account of the bad conditions last year, when, owing to the continued wet weather, the hay crop was largely spoiled and the grain rotted in the fields. The weather so far this year has been most favorable and the people have been correspondingly hopeful. The fruit crop is especially luxurious.

SWEDEN.

The municipal authorities of Stromstad recently passed a resolution accepting with thanks the gift of A. F. Cavalli-Holmgren of 140,000 crowns for a new city hall.

L. E. Anderson, a merchant in Orto, on the occasion of his 60th birthday gave the society for the erection of a children's hospital in the city the neat sum of 10,000 crowns. This gift will materially help toward making the projected hospital a reality.

The 17-year-old K. O. Swansson of Gualof recently wrecked a train because of anger against the railroad guard, Emil Nordstrom, who had ordered him off the right of way. The young man was caught and confessed to the deed and will pay the penalty of his crime.

Goteborg will soon erect a life size bronze bust of the late churchman, Per Weisegren, the statue being designed by B. Cronander. It will be erected in one of the public squares of the city with appropriate ceremonies in the near future.

The superintendent of the Japanese imperial fish hatchery at Sapporo, Mr. Suzuki Nosawa, visited a few days in Stockholm recently and then continued his journey to Trondheim, where he visited the fishery institute held there.

From Lund comes the report that duck hunting this season has been unusually poor, the number of young ducks being very scarce. The season for rabbits, squirrels, partridges and chickens opened the middle of August and this game will be more numerous.

Prof. H. Lundstrom of Upsala university has been given a month's leave of absence so as to attend the international historical convention to be held in Berlin in August. Prof. Hammer is given the same time for studies in histology at Kristinebergs zoological gardens.

The proposed street railway in Sundvall has been delayed in construction by changes in the plans which shall include some lines outside the city, for which royal sanction must be secured. It is hoped that everything may be arranged so that the railway may be finished early next year.

Miles Dawson and Lee Frankel of New York are at present in Stockholm, studying the Swedish workingmen's insurance laws, with the intention of seeking reforms for the American insurance laws. They are to go to Rome in October where an international congress will be held to consider the question of workingmen's insurance.

A very important find was recently made during some railroad work near Jamjo, in Oland, the find consisting of two ornamented shield buckles, five arm and ankle rings, and a chain a yard long with heavy buckles in the shape of crocodile's heads. The articles were solid silver and are supposed to be 2,000 years old, and of Egyptian origin.

Sven Hedin who has been making explorations in Tibet the last year, has at last been heard from and all fears for his safety are now at rest. During his explorations he has located a hitherto unknown chain of mountains extending for a distance of 300 miles through the interior. The height of the mountains is 19,000 feet. Further particulars as to his discoveries are awaited with interest.

DENMARK.

Cream separators are undergoing thorough tests at Copenhagen, with a view to determining which is the most efficient. For a year or more the trials will continue, during which time the dairymen of the country will await developments with keen interest.

Bitter feelings have been aroused among the newspapers of Denmark in connection with the report of the commission of the defense—a commission that has been laboring for a long time, in secret. Its report was recently ready for publication, and it was intended to let the government papers, the Dannebrog and Copenhagen, get a "scoop" on the opposition press. But Politiken, the most violent of the radical newspapers, succeeded in getting a copy of the report by strategy, and published a synopsis of it the day before the document public. Needless to say, Politiken "crowded" over its triumph, and sulphurous flames of indignation issued from the sanctuaries of the outwitted papers.

Copenhagen is in the throes of serious labor trouble. The difficulties began with a strike of the typographers' union, and other artisans' unions have been drawn into the dispute through lockouts. Mr. Berg, minister of the interior, tried to put an end to the troubles by proposing a committee of arbitration, and for a time it looked as if he would succeed, but the typographers got dissatisfied with the proposed settlement and renewed the strike. As a consequence of the strike, the daily newspapers of the city have been unable to issue their regular editions, and, of course, the people have been greatly annoyed.

A new book has created a great stir in Denmark. It is by a Danish woman, Miss Thora Esche, and is an attack on certain features of the government, with the dramatic title, "Arise, My People!" The author sent a couple of copies of her work to the royal family, but both of them were returned unopened. The people are clamoring for the book and already eight editions of it have been sold.

Taking Miss Esche's book as his theme, Mr. Sabroe, a member of the folketing, has written a pamphlet attacking the department of the interior, pointing out results of its secret operations.

The military trainship, Viking, which has been making a tour around the world, will end its voyage next month at Hamburg. Later in the fall it will start on a second trip, with twenty new pupils on board. The people of Denmark have followed the ship with marked interest, the Danish press having devoted considerable attention to its doings. As will be remembered by readers of this column, there have been some scandals connected with this ship, which, of course, have helped to make the people interested in it.