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MORTGAGES AND SUICIDES

If the farmers of North Dakota are serious in their desire for the enactment by the Congress of the United States of legislation intended to bring some measure of relief to them, it behooves them to have spokesmen of a type different from those who have up to this time undertaken to speak for them in Washington.

Illustrating the point: there is Mr. R. W. Frazier, in Washington this week under the caption of "Republican Chairman from North Dakota" by virtue of the fact of his election as head of the group of Republican committeemen of league faith named in the primary of last June.

Mr. Frazier, before the Agricultural Committee of the United States Senate, made the assertion yesterday that the average debt of the farmers of North Dakota is \$7,500. There are 77,690 farmers in North Dakota according to the 1920 census, so Mr. Frazier would have the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture believe that the farmers of this state owe \$582,675,000, and that they are paying interest at the rate of 10 percent a year on that gigantic sum. Their interest bill, alone, would be \$58,267,500 a year, on the basis of Mr. Frazier's figures.

Surely that is splendid propaganda to place before the Senate Committee; surely it is splendid propaganda to place before the people of the United States, for Mr. Frazier's statement, given weight in the nation because he goes about under the title of chairman of the Republican party from North Dakota, has already gone over the country through the medium of press associations serving hundreds of daily newspapers.

The 1920 census is valuable in that it throws light on the farm debt situation in North Dakota. At that time, 40,462 farms reported mortgage indebtedness, while 3,622 made no reports on mortgages, the others being without mortgages. Only 2,623 farmers reported the amount of their mortgage debt, the total being \$108,284,682, representing 28.5 percent of the value of the property against which the mortgages were placed. The average rate of interest paid was 6.7 percent. The average debt per farm was \$4,786, that average, however, applying only to the farms that were mortgaged, and slightly more than half of all the farms in the state were reported as mortgaged.

The financial strength of the farmers, however, is aptly illustrated by the fact that the same census disclosed an actual value of all farm property in the state of \$1,759,742,995.

What can be the reaction of the nation to such extravagant statements as these by Mr. Frazier. North Dakota farmers and her businessmen are obliged to look outside of their state for credit. Can they expect more liberal consideration from the credit centers of the country after Mr. Frazier's statements in Washington?

Of course, the people of this state realize that Mr. Frazier's assertions are wide of the facts. Even in their palmiest days; in the days when they were telling the farmers that they were being "robbed of \$55,000,000" a year by the grain gamblers, the champions of the league cause in this state were prone to fix the state's mortgage debt at \$300,000,000.

It is unfortunate, as The Forum has previously pointed out, that spokesmen for a large group of the people of this state are so willing to misrepresent a situation to their own advantage, but it is difficult for The Forum to understand wherein these spokesmen can benefit by such outlandish claims as Mr. R. W. Frazier has just made.

And before closing: Mr. Fratier told the Senate Committee that "in one county the number of suicides reached 18 last year, and attributed the high suicide rate to the hopelessness of the farmers."

The state board of health, with records of all suicides in the state, reports that in the year ending July 1 last there were 31 suicides in the entire state, as against 46 suicides in the state during the previous year.

Sane and temperate advocates of the farmers' cause are needed in Washington at a time such as this when Congress is depicted as ready and anxious to do anything that it can do in a constructive way to afford relief to the hard pressed agricultural industry.—Fargo Forum.

LIGHT WINE AND BEER

The newspapers throughout Manitoba are running large advertisements advocating the law governing the liquor traffic to be changed so as to allow the sale of light wines and beer under the restriction of the government.

The advertisements site the lawless condition that exists, showing that a large number of the people are manufacturing both beer and whiskey and that all the police force of the province does not seem to be able to stop it: The points advanced in the petitions that are being circulated are:

The sale of beer and light wines in licensed hotels, but only with meals in the dining rooms of such hotels and only for consumption on the premises.

The sale of beer by duly licensed brewers direct to the individual, for delivery to his home.

The alcohol-content of beer to be restricted to 4 per cent of alcohol by weight and the alcohol content of wines to be restricted to 14 per cent of alcohol by weight, thus keeping both within the limits of beverages generally regarded as mild stimulants.

Sale to be prohibited to minors (persons under 21 years of age), interdicts, persons to whom the "Indian Act" applies, and generally to all persons who should reasonably be prohibited from purchase or consumption.

Provision for proper license fees; for a duty to be paid into the Provincial treasury by brewers on all beer sold; for strict regulation and supervision of breweries and hotels and for adequate enforcement of all prohibitions under the act under heavy penalty for infraction of the law.

MR. KENT AGAIN

Editor Kent of the Cavalier Chronicle is shielding a person who does not dare to attach his signature to the communication signed "Taxpayer" in which he insinuates that the editor of this paper qualified as clerk at a session of the legislature drew his pay and spent his time at home. It is a grave insinuation and we ask "Taxpayer" to come from behind the shield if he knows what he talks about.

For the benefit of the editor of the Chronicle we will say that during the forty years we have been publishing this paper we have only been honored by two political appointments. One as clerk of the legislature and the other deputy game warden. We qualified in both cases but resigned on account of the compensation not being sufficient to warrant the time spent at the job. In both cases our pay stopped as soon as we were excused and another person filed the place.

complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the courts touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 29th day of November, A. D. 1922.

ACHIEL HOVE,
Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON

District of North Dakota, ss: On the 11th day of December, A. D. 1922, on reading the petition for discharge of the above-named bankrupt, it is—

Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1923, before the said court, at Fargo, in said district, at ten o'clock forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Pioneer Express (Pembina, N. N.), a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the referee shall send, by mail, to all known creditors, copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Andrew Miller, judge of said court, and the seal thereof, at Grand Forks in said district, on the 13th day of February, A. D. 1922.

(SEAL OF THE COURT)
J. A. MONTGOMERY,
Clerk.

By E. R. STEELE,
Deputy Clerk.

Heneman Says:

This is the time of the year we all should feel grateful for things as they are. During the year we have been enjoying a good business and the friendly relations of the community at large. We feel grateful to the people who have patronized us in a business way and take this opportunity of extending to them good wishes of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hoping that our social and business relations may continue in the future as they have done in the past.

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Strained honey for sale, 15 cents a pound. Cash or trade. Bring your pail. E. J. HARRIS,

COWS LOST

Strayed from my place at Halpfstad, Manitoba, just across the boundary line six miles west of Emerson, about November 12th, two cows. One black, with horns and the other red spotted, without horns. Information as to where they turned up will be appreciated by the owner, D. B. Clauson, Halpfstad, Man, 26-28

BATTERIES STORED

Bring your battery to Barry's. We dry or wet store. Bring your old battery in. Even if it is no good we will make you some allowance for it. We also carry a line of new batteries. Call and look our battery department over. E. E. Barry, Pembina, N. D.

NOTICE

The township has money to pay all outstanding warrants at present. Those holding same are requested to present them to C. A. Defoe for payment. GEO. H. MORIS, Town Clerk.

BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE AND ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON

In District Court of the United States, For the Northeastern Division, District of North Dakota.

In the matter of Lee Roudebush, bankrupt.

No. 3685 in Bankruptcy.

To the Honorable Charles F. Amidon, judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of North Dakota.

Lee Roudebush, of St. Thomas, in the county of Pembina, and state of North Dakota, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 1st day of November, 1922 last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the courts touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore, he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 4th day of December, A. D. 1922.

LEE ROUDEBUSH,
Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON

District of North Dakota, ss:

On the 13th day of December, A. D. 1922, on reading the petition for discharge of the above-named bankrupt, it is—

Ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1923, before the said court, at Fargo, in said district, at ten o'clock forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in The Pioneer Express (Pembina, N. N.), a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the referee shall send, by mail, to all known creditors, copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable Andrew Miller, judge of said court, and the seal thereof, at Grand Forks, in said

district, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1922.

(SEAL OF THE COURT)
J. A. MONTGOMERY,
Clerk.

By E. R. STEELE,
Deputy Clerk.

BANKRUPT'S PETITION FOR DISCHARGE AND ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON

In District Court of the United States, For the Northeastern Division, District of North Dakota.

In the matter of Achiel Hove (also known as Achiel Vandekerchove), bankrupt.

No. 3664, in Bankruptcy.

To the Honorable Charles F. Amidon, judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of North Dakota.

Achiel Hove (also known as Achiel Vandekerchove), of Jollette, in the county of Pembina, and state of North Dakota, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 28th day of October, 1922, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully

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