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# Sentinel Butte Files Contest

## Serve Notice on Golden Valley County Commissioners and Will Contest the County Seat Election Result -- Claim Illegal Votes in Beach and Many Irregularities

Attorney L. A. Simpson, of Dickinson, on behalf of Sentinel Butte, served notice of contest on county commissioners of Golden Valley County last week and will attempt to set aside the county seat election or throw the precinct of Beach out and thereby secure for Sentinel Butte the county seat.

The following is Sentinel Butte's cause of action according to their complaint served on the commissioners:

1 "That plaintiff now is and for more than one year last past has been a resident and qualified elector in Golden Valley County, N. D.

2 "That the above named defendants on the 3rd day of November, 1914, were and now are the elected and acting commissioners of Golden Valley County, N. D., and constitute the board of county commissioners for said county.

3 "That leave of the district court for said Golden Valley County has been granted to this plaintiff to contest the validity of said election.

4 "That prior to November 3, 1914, upon the due presentation to said defendants of a petition to that effect, the question of the removal of the county seat of Golden Valley County, N. D., from the city of Beach, where it was then temporarily located, to the village of Sentinel Butte in said county, was submitted to the electors of said county at the general election held on November 3, 1914.

5 "That thereafter and on November 19, 1914, the above named defendants, acting as a board of canvassers for said county, canvassed the results of said election upon the removal of said county seat and certified from said canvass that at said election the city of Beach for the county seat, received 825 votes and the village of Sentinel Butte received for the county seat 694 votes, and at said time the said defendants thereupon passed a resolution declaring said city of Beach to have been chosen at said election as the county seat of said county.

6 "That in the canvass of said votes the above named defendants included the votes cast in the city of Beach at said election to the number of 364 all of which excepting fourteen were counted for Beach. That at the time of the canvass of said votes the above named plaintiff for and on behalf of Sentinel Butte, and before the result of said canvass had been announced, protested to said canvassing board against the receiving and counting of the votes cast in the city of Beach in said county, and now alleges that said votes from the precinct of said city of Beach in said county, should not have been received and counted for the reasons that said returns were not legally and properly certified, and because the returns from said city of Beach were from one central and consolidated precinct, and at said election said city of Beach was divided into wards, and because the returns failed to show the election officers in said precincts kept separate ballots and separate poll books for each ward in said city, as required by law, and because the returns from said precinct were not certified in accordance with law.

7 "That the consolidation of said city of Beach into one central precinct at said election was in violation of law and was fraudulently done.

8 "That in said city of Beach, in truth and in fact, there were more than one hundred and fifty illegal votes cast and counted for said city of Beach.

9 "That the village of Sentinel Butte at said election received a majority of all legal votes cast in said county for its designation as the county seat of said county.

10 "That said illegal votes were cast and counted with the full knowledge and consent, and upon the advice of the members of the election board acting for the city of Beach at said election held November 3, 1914, and at said time and said place the said election board fraudulently and wilfully advised certain persons to vote at said election, and to vote for Beach for the county seat, well knowing that said persons were not legal voters in the precinct of said city of Beach, and pursuant to said advise said persons did illegally cast their votes.

11 "You will further take notice that the above named plaintiff contests the validity of said election so held in said city of Beach, and charges corrupt practice at said election on the part of the members of the election board and of said defendants in connection with said election in this, that the judge of election acting in said capacity for said city of Beach on said day, did permit electioneering to be done within the polling place in which said election was held, and did themselves electioneering for the city of Beach and against the village of Sentinel Butte at said election, and within the polling place, and that said election board willfully and fraudulently refused to recognize challenges legally made on behalf of Sentinel Butte against divers persons presenting themselves in said precinct of Beach for the purpose of voting at said election, and said election board ignoring said challenges permitted said persons to vote illegally to the number of more than forty.

12 "That said election board for the consolidated precinct of the city of Beach, permitted divers persons to have their ballots cast under the absent ballot act when in truth and in fact said persons for whom said absent voters ballots were cast, were present in person and within the polling place before and when absent voters ballot was cast, and divers of said persons who voted by the absent voter ballot were in truth and in fact electioneering at said election within the polling place for said city of Beach and against the village of Sentinel Butte, and this with the knowledge and consent of the election board of said precinct, and this plaintiff charges and alleges that because of said acts on the part of said persons connected with said election and voting and

working in the interest of said city of Beach and against the interest of said village of Sentinel Butte, that said parties have been and are guilty of corrupt practice at said election upon the question of the location of said county seat and that said election should be annulled and set aside.

"Wherefore, said contestant prays judgment that said election upon the question of the locating of said county seat of Golden Valley County be annulled and set aside, or if the court determines that said election should not be annulled and set aside, that plaintiff have judgment that the returns of said election from the precinct of the city of Beach decreeing that the Village of Sentinel Butte received the majority of all legal votes cast at said election as the choice of the electors of said county for the county seat thereof, and for such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

### Tales of the Town

James Power left Wednesday for Vadena, Minn., where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Dr. G. M. Foster is enjoying a visit from his sister and mother, who arrived this week and who are guests at the Foster home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peck came down from Glendive yesterday and will spend the holiday season with relatives in the city.

Grace Welsh was an arrival in the city this week and will spend the holiday season with her brother, Chas. Welsh, and family, in this city.

Emery Brown, who has been living in the south country near Williams for the past four years, recently left for his old home in Illinois where he expects to make his future residence.

C. B. Hance, who has been in the city some time at the Powers, left this week for Owatonna, Minn., to spend the holidays.

Miss Vangie Butterfield and C. E. Fuller were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butterfield, northeast of town, on Wednesday of this week. The marriage took place in the forenoon. Rev. Father Wolpers officiating, and only immediate relatives and friends being present. Following the ceremony the happy couple took train No. 2 for an extended honeymoon trip in Minnesota and South Dakota where they will visit relatives. The bride is one of the most accomplished young ladies in the Golden Valley and has a large number of friends and admirers. Mr. Fuller is well known to local people having recently located here from South Dakota, and his and the bride's friends join with the Chronicle in extending congratulations. Upon their return they will take up housekeeping and make their permanent home in Beach.

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THE FARMERS PAPER

# "The Spoilers"

Coming to the Opera House on January 9, 1915. William Farum, a Big Hit in "The Spoilers"

Maybe you are a movie fan and maybe you are not. If you are not it is all the more reason you should see "THE SPOILERS" which will be shown at the Beach Opera House on Saturday, January 9. Movies may come and go, but those who see "THE SPOILERS" will always remember it as the best bar none ever seen in this city. One wonders how the producer could take Rex Beach's popular book, by the same name, and reproduce it so faithfully on the screen. To describe the picture and do it justice is impossible. From the time Helen Chester arrives in Alaska and takes such a prominent part in the business and personal affairs of Glenister and Dentry, to the final scene, which is beautiful in every sense of the word, "THE SPOILERS" is a vividly told story for those who appreciate red blooded men and women. Every phase of human emotion is shown and in such a manner that it gives a lasting impression.

The coming of the Law, the law that replaces the old "six shooters" happens just before one of the dramatic points of the story. Glenister, driven to desperation in trying to save his mine from the political crooks of Washington, goes to the Gambling Hall and gambles in a vain effort to draw his troubles. He wins, until huge piles of chips are on the table before him. At this point Cherry Malotte and Broncho Kid plot to stop his mad winnings. They kidnap the gambler's chair in the first game while Cherry assists Miss Glenister to all. It is an intense moment when he rushes from the chair and offers to buy his share in the Mine mine against the Gambling House of the Broncho Kid. By the Kid turns the fatal card, takes Glenister's last coin, Cherry dramatically comes to his rescue.

The trouble is, you can't appreciate it unless you see it. William Farum as Glenister and Miss Kathleen Williams as Cherry Malotte takes the leading parts. There are others prominent, such as Dentry, Helen, Clapjack the crooked Judge and Politician, and the Broncho Kid.

### NOTICE TO FARMERS

On Saturday, January 9th at 1:30 p. m., in the Agricultural Room of the Beach High School, a meeting of farmers interested in co-operation will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to form a permanent organization to further the mutual interests of farmers.

Everybody cordially invited.

For the Committee  
H. Wojahn, Pres.  
G. V. VanTausk, Sec'y.

### WIBAUX PIONEER

Mrs. T. B. Proper who was operated on at California is improving so quickly that she expects to be home after Christmas. Mr. Proper will be the happiest man in town then for he says that he is tired of being bachelor.

Doctor E. E. Gaines was a Dickinson visitor Tuesday, accompanying Miss Lillian Benbrook to the hospital at that place. She will undergo an operation today (Friday). Dr. Gaines went to Dickinson again this morning to be present at the operation.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. Henry Enderle of this city passed away at the Dickinson hospital of typhoid fever. She had been ill for only about two weeks and was taken to the hospital only a few days before she died. Besides her husband she leaves two children. The remains were taken to her old home at Fergus Falls, Minn., for burial. The husband has the sympathy of the whole community in this, his hour of sorrow.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Golden Valley County, North Dakota, will receive bid for the premium on Surety Bonds for the following County officers of Golden Valley County. Three County Commissioners, Sheriff, Auditor, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Judge, State Attorney, Clerk District Court, Superintendent of Schools, Coroner and Surveyor.

Bids to be filed in the office of the County Auditor at Beach, N. D. by 10 o'clock in the forenoon of the 4th day of January 1915.

M. C. McCarthy,  
County Auditor of Golden Valley County.  
Dated at Beach, N. D. this 12th day of December 1914.

### PERCHERONS

Six young Percheron stallions for sale, two near Carlyle, Mont. These stallions are all in the "Percheron Society of America," the only Percheron society recognized in the state of Montana, as thoroughbred stock. Address F. D. Haigh, Carlyle, Mont., or John H. Haigh, Pickett, Wis.

### Will the State Capital be Moved

North Dakota towns and cities are ambitious. Each is alive and active and each is looking forward to a great growth and development. This fact accounts for the interest and activity of their citizens in the welfare of the state and their own particular localities. The latest city to aspire to honors at the hands of the state is New Rockford. That ambitious municipality wants the state capital and says it is going after it hard, at the coming session of the Legislature, where it will ask that the question be submitted to a vote of the people.

Telling of their hopes the New Rockford people point to a map of the state and say that they are much more accessible from the different sections than is the present capital, and they say that when the new connections are completed, especially those to the northeast which will give them direct connections with Grand Forks and to the west which will give them Lewiston, Montana, that then they will be within the easiest and closest touch with practically all sections.

Further, that New Rockford, being so fortunately located, feels that it should make the effort to land the capital. It has no state institution, penitentiary, the Indian school and the army post. The location of the capital there would be a more equitable distribution of the good things. Bismarck is, despite its present state and federal institutions, now seek the state fair.

The reason that the campaign for the removal of the state capital is being started now is because of the dilapidated condition of the present capital building. The expenditure of a large sum of money is almost imperative now to make the building even partially habitable. A new structure must be provided for within the next few years and before this is done and the capital nailed down permanently by the expenditure of a large sum, the people of that vicinity propose to seek the removal to that point.

In her discussion of the case New Rockford states that Bismarck is fairly central east and west, but is located in the lower third of the state and is the most difficult point in North Dakota to reach from north, northeast and northwest. It is nowhere near the center of population, while New Rockford is still west of the center of population of the state and will always be, in the nature of conditions in the center of the state in that respect, while its geographical center is much better than Bismarck.

### Beach Market Report

No. 1 Northern	1.10
No. 2 Northern	1.07
No. 1 Durum Wheat	1.25
No. 2 Durum Wheat	1.23
No. 1 Flax	1.42
No. 2 Flax	1.40
Barley	41
Rye	87
Oats	36

Above prices corrected December 24th.

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