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Slight Decrease in State Banking Business

STATE BANK EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE SHOWS A SLUMP.

603 STATE BANKS OPERATING

DEPOSITS ARE LESS BY TWO AND ONE HALF MILLIONS THAN IN APRIL.

A comparative statement just issued by the state examiner for the close of business on June 4, shows the 603 state banks and the three trust companies of North Dakota had \$20,436,130.09 in deposits subject to check, which was a decrease of \$2,388,359.42 less than the showing of April 4, but this decrease is accounted for in the fact this is the time of the year when there is a demand and use for cash among the farmers while their crops are growing, as the \$1,164,798.82 increase in loans in that period will testify.

During the same period there was an increase of \$167,733.45 in demand certificates of deposit, and an increase of \$894,480.55 in time certificates of deposit which shows the savings of people of the state have been gradually increasing.

The statement also shows that there has also been an increase of \$1,252,251.57 in the resources of the state banks and trust companies.

A representative of the Times-Record drove with friends to Sanborn Sunday to spend the day. He remarks on the splendid condition of the crops generally, and especially of the flax which is a much better stand and farther advanced than in ordinary years at this season.

Druggist William P. Poterfield of Fargo may be the democratic candidate for United States senate.

Death of Mrs. Lohrke of Fargo

Many friends in the city will regret the death of Mrs. Edna Lenore Lohrke, who died at an early hour Wednesday morning at her home in Fargo.

Mrs. Lohrke, formerly Miss Edna Gallavin, lived here a number of years and graduated from the High school in the class of 1906.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence on 905 Fifth Street North, Rev. R. A. Beard officiating. Mrs. Lohrke is survived by her infant son, a three year old daughter, her husband and a sister, Mrs. L. D. Benedict of Calgary, Alberta. Interment was made at Riverside cemetery.

Four Deaths from Heat at Omaha, Neb.

Omaha, July 18.—While the weather bureau reported the temperature somewhat lower than yesterday, four deaths directly attributed to the heat were reported here before noon.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 21.

—Fifty-one stations on the Soo Line where men are needed for harvest fields, are named in a bulletin out today, which is the first railroad appeal of the season for help. Minot, Valley City and vicinity need 500 men each, according to the bulletin, and 200 to 300 are needed at Bordulac, Leal, Lidgerwood, Mylo, Nekoma, Trolley and Kramer, N. D.; Nashau, Wendell, Sedan, Tenney, Viking, Warren, and Callaway are Minnesota stations needing fifty to 100 men each. The wages named in the bulletin show rates of compensation that will make it possible for the usual harvest influx to go into the fields and come back with considerable money.

With board, rates are \$2 to \$4.00 a day, depending upon location and nature of the work.

Soo Will Start Building New Line

Plaza, N. D., July 18.—Announcement that the Soo railroad had completed arrangements under which the construction of the Soo line from this point into McKenzie county would be resumed this year has been received with enthusiasm by homesteaders in the district affected.

In crossing the Fort Berthold reservation the railroad had to secure a permit from the government. The Great Northern railroad has secured a permit for right-of-way several years ago, but had not taken advantage of it. This old permit, however was still effective, and the line proposed by the Soo paralleled it, and the government did not want to issue a new permit till the other had been surrendered.

Bismarck, July 18.—There is a committee of Seventh Day Adventists twelve in number, from different parts of the state, in Bismarck this week, conferring with the Commercial club as to whether or not they will locate their main church and state headquarters here or at Jamestown. Should they decide to locate here it will mean that next year's camp meeting will be held here and will be attended by about 1,000 delegates, and it will also mean that several families will locate here permanently.

Jamestown, N. D., July 21.—The state headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventists has been located in Jamestown. This action was decided upon at a special meeting of the conference committee in Jamestown Wednesday evening.

The Commercial club will select a site for the headquarters building which will be erected next season. In the interim headquarters have been leased for a year of E. Lentz in the Daily Capital block, second floor, where a suite of offices will be fitted up and officers, clerks and equipment moved here at once from Fargo.

SWORD SWALLOWER WHO PERFORMED HERE DIES AT BISMARCK

"Dope" Fiend Who Drew Crowds at Fair Show Succumbs to Overdose of Morphine and Hyoscience—Peculiar Character.

"Pierce, the Yellow Boy," who, during the stay of the Allman Bases in Valley City attracted considerable attention at the fair grounds, died yesterday in a tent of the show at Bismarck, as the result of an overdose of morphine, opium and hyoscience.

The principal attraction in Pierce's performance in Valley City was his demonstration of morphine and opium using. It was stated by himself that he had been a slave to the habit for more than twenty-five years, and in most respects he was a degenerate of the worst kind from the use of drugs.

Following is the account of his death as published in a Bismarck paper:

Albert J. Pierce, sword swallower with the Allman Carnival show in the city, died in a tent Wednesday morning about 7:30 from the effects of morphine poisoning.

Pierce had been with this carnival company for the past six weeks and gave some startling demonstrations of swallowing swords, saws, nails, and also gave an exhibition with live snakes, but outside of the extremely large doses of morphine he had taken externally with a needle and syringe he had taken internally in tablet form his body seemed to be in a perfectly normal condition.

He had been ill on Tuesday and while at a local hospital before he could be prevented, he took a dose

of morphine large enough, it is said, to have killed six men. He had on a daily average used about 10 grains of either morphine or hyoscience and always took extremely large doses, and he had kept up this habit for the past 25 years, but he took an overdose of morphine Wednesday morning and death ensued shortly afterwards.

The manager of the carnival was with Pierce at the time of his death and Dr. Smythe, the county coroner had the body removed to the undertaking parlors of Traux Brothers where an autopsy was held and death was pronounced to have been caused from morphine and hyoscience poisoning.

From what could be learned of Pierce's past history he was 45 years of age and was a Frenchman by birth. He has a wife, a Chinese woman, who lives in New York City, which place in Pierce's home. He also has three sons there.

At one time he had studied medicine and was well posted as to the use of strong opiates. It seemed that some time ago he had contracted with a large hospital in New York to have his body delivered there after his death, as that institution desired to make an examination of what effects these strong drugs have had.

The management of the carnival is attempting, by telegraph, to locate Pierce's family and his body which has been embalmed will either be shipped back to New York or buried in Bismarck.

Another Man Went Wrong

THREE-BAGGER BASEBALL PLAYER AT NEW ROCKFORD A CONFESSED BURGLAR.

New Rockford, N. D., July 18.—While the crowd was still gleeful over Ed. Walton's three base hit that had practically won the game for New Rockford against an opposing club, Sheriff Geo. F. Fahrner served a warrant on the ball player charging him with burglary. He is held in connection with the recent burglary of the New Rockford Hardware company, and soon after his arrest, confessed being implicated. The booty has been recovered and Walton will go before Judge Buttz to make a plea of guilty, facing a sentence of from one to five years for the crime.

Local Man Gets Fine Appointment

CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION MAKES HIM SECRETARY OF STATE PENITENTIARY.

A telephone message to Herbert Getchell of this city last Friday, notified him that he had been appointed secretary of the state penitentiary at Bismarck, provided he was in a position to take the appointment at once.

Mr. Getchell left for Bismarck on the next train, and is now fully installed in his new position under the direction of Frank S. Talcott, warden. The position is a nice one as regards salary paying \$1200 per year, in addition to his living.

Mr. Getchell is an old resident of Valley City, and has very many friends who will rejoice at the good fortune which has come his way.

Brakeman Isaman, with Conductor Potts on an N. P. freight train, was shot by a hobo Tuesday night at Buffalo. The brakeman was putting a bunch of men from his train when one of them took a shot at him, the bullet entered his left leg above the knee and lodging there.

He was taken to Jamestown where the wound was treated and he left on the morning train for Brainerd where he will remain until entirely well.

A partial description of his assailant was secured but he has not been apprehended.

Two men were arrested on a west bound freight out of here early Wednesday morning but later released after having been locked in a box car of the train for some time. They did not correspond with the description of the men wanted.

H. A. Aamoth left Saturday morning for Detroit Lake where he will join Mrs. Aamoth and spend a week.

Tariff Driving Industry Away

GOVERNOR FOSS DECLARES CANADA WILL PROFIT—TRANSFERS OWN INTERESTS.

Boston, July 18.—Declaring that "ridiculous tariff legislation was driving American manufacturers to Canada and that reciprocity would surely meet the widespread demand for a lower tariff, Governor Eugene N. Foss of Massachusetts has issued a statement regarding his intention to transfer the bulk of his business from Boston to Canada. He bitterly assails both the republican and democratic parties on the tariff question, and accuses the present administration of paltering.

BANKERS PROTEST

Say North Dakota Commission's Plan Means Double Taxation

Fargo, N. D., July 18.—The banks of North Dakota which have among their assets realty in other states will be compelled to pay double taxation if the plans of the state tax commission win. While outside realty investments by banks are not numerous some hold such property, and the officials object to being double taxed.

Members of the state tax commission are here in conference with the county equalization board in regard to assessments and they have gone over the situation thoroughly. They also inspected the public utilities corporations and are endeavoring to assess at a higher valuation property that has heretofore escaped entirely or gotten through on a low valuation.

The first marriage license application under the new law at McClucky was not granted as the applicant has been confined in the insane hospital at Jamestown. It is said that the couple will go to Minnesota or South Dakota to be married.

Superintendent Watkins stated that he cleaned up Fargo. The Fargo fellows resent this and say he didn't and there you are, believe what you please.

Carrington is complaining of a shortage of water in town, and an over supply in the country. In other words the well is still dry but the heavens are furnishing an abundant supply.

Among the parties who left Saturday for the lakes was Dr. Pray, who drove down in his handsome new Paige-Detroit to spend several days at the Detroit Lakes. Dr. Pray was accompanied by C. F. Mudgett.

Mrs. W. G. McMullen who has been here the past two months visiting at the home of her son, L. G. McMullen left last week for her home in Arcadia, Ind.

Madison, Wis., July 21.—Edward Payson Weston, walking from New York to Minneapolis reached here at 5:30 this afternoon from Evansville, Wis. and planned to leave at three in the morning for Bariboo, where he will spend Sunday. Regarding Samuel Debs, Weston's rival, the veteran walker had been told by the police of Chicago that Debs rode across Chicago on an elevated train and trainmen said Debs rode on freight trains.

(From Monday's Daily.)

I. J. Moe and Fred King returned last evening from Bismarck where they went to consign A. F. Price the "Owl Man," to the penitentiary for a year. Price has been held here since his conviction as a possible witness in another case which it was thought might develop into a criminal prosecution, but this week it was found impossible to prosecute with the evidence obtainable. Price's time spent in the county jail since his conviction, forty-seven days will be deducted from his sentence.

Want Recovery of Much Back Taxes

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MORTON COUNTY FIND NEW SOURCE OF INCOME.

Mandan, N. D., July 21.—Action will be started at the present session of the county commissioners of Morton county to recover over \$500,000 due in back taxes for tenants of railroad companies located on right of way leasing property. Action was inaugurated by States Attorney H. R. Blizung, when he ascertained that during the past thirteen years a great amount of property has escaped taxation for the reason that it has never been placed upon the tax list by the assessors.

The statute under which action will be started provides that a railroad company shall pay taxes on all property not used for its roadway. In accordance with this all property not used for railroad purposes is assessable at the local rate. As six years is all that back taxes can be collected for the amount against the various properties will be reached and levied with the 1913 taxes.

Carl Kositzky, secretary of the state tax commission, has joined in the investigation. Not alone in Mandan, but in every city and town of the county are the evasions reported. The companies who have escaped payment of taxes during the thirteen years are for the most part lumber and machinery yards and elevators.

Hardy Named New Auditor of Printing

Bismarck, N. D., July 19.—The state printing commission today, by resolution decided to employ J. P. Hardy of Fargo to go over and estimate all bills for printing done by the state contractors, the Journal Publishing Co., of Devils Lake and its sub-contractors, The Dakota Printing and Stationery Co., and the Knight Printing Co.

Mr. Elgie Carman and family autted to Tower City Sunday and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason.

2-Cent Rate Goes into Effect Today

MINNESOTA PUTS NEW LAW INTO EFFECT—OVERCHARGES REFUNDED.

ROADS EXCEPT TWO AGREE

CLAIMANTS FOR REFUNDS MUST SHOW RECEIPTS OR MAKE AFFIDAVIT.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 21.—Down go the rates on the Minnesota railroads today. The new tariffs are based on a maximum of 2 cents a mile for passenger fares and the low commodity and merchandise tariffs for business within the state will also become effective today.

This promise was agreed upon today by all Minnesota roads except the Minneapolis & St. Louis and the Chicago Great Western, after a conference in the office of the state railroad commissioner. The terms of agreement were announced by the state commission including a method of paying refunds. Under the agreement, Judge C. A. Willard of the United States court will be asked on Monday to dissolve the remaining injunctions so as to leave the roads free to obey the state rate laws. It is only a matter of time and the motions will be granted.

The rates go into effect without waiting for this formality. The railroads agreed to the commission's contention as to the basis of refunds, and on merchandise-rates will pay the difference between the rate paid and the rate which was effective before the litigation, even if it was lower than the legal maximum schedule.

In applying for refunds, receipts for passenger fares and original or duplicate expense bill, or prepaid bills of lading are declared sufficient evidence to file with the companies. Lacking these, the claimants should make affidavits on forms approved by the state commission and to be obtained from any local agent.

Hail Storm Takes Toll Over the State

LOCAL LOSSES REPORTED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF NORTH DAKOTA.

Several hailstorms have damaged the crops, but the loss to the present time is far smaller than the normal losses.

Heaviest losses reported to date come from the district north of Carrington and New Rockford, where storms swept several thousand acres. The southern edge of Pierce county also was badly hit, with points in southern Pierce and western Benson also suffering. Some of the losses were total and farmers are plowing their fields. Near Wiske, a storm traversed about 3,000 acres, losses being partial.

The Carrington storm traveled about twelve miles from that city, and the hail was accompanied by a high wind. Fifty per cent losses are reported from that district.

Ten to ninety per cent losses were sustained in a storm along the Green river, in Stark county. The path of the hail was from one to three miles and twenty miles long.

Losses growing out of the storm along the western and southern edge of the Turtle Mountain district are from 25 to 50 per cent.

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