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Col. E. C. Geary Dead; Prominent Pioneer of State

END CAME SUDDENLY SATURDAY—WON DISTINCTION AS SOLDIER—HELD MANY POSITIONS OF HONOR.

Fargo, July 28.—Colonel E. C. Geary one of the best known and most respected of Fargo's citizens, died at his home Saturday evening at 6:20 o'clock after a brief illness. He was 72 years old. Colonel Geary suffered a stroke of apoplexy about two years ago and was in poor health for some time after that but until recently has been well and able to be around all of the time.

A short time ago he was taken ill with a complication of diseases and has been very low until yesterday when he seemed to be rallying and felt well all day. His son, Hal Geary, vice president of the Merchants National bank came home from his cottage at the lakes yesterday morning and on finding his father so well returned to the lakes in the afternoon. E. C. Geary, Jr., the second son and his two daughters were with him at the last moments. He has suffered very little during his last sickness and was conscious to the last.

He saw hard service in his corps and participated in the battles of Winchester, Leesburg, Dumfries and Chancellorsville, and after the last engagement was taken ill and sent to a field hospital. Becoming convalescent he returned to his command and was promoted to the rank of corporal and sergeant.

By his efficiency he attracted the attention of his superior officers and was soon after ordered up for examination for further promotion. Upon his examination he was commissioned lieutenant colonel and assigned to the command of the 32nd Regiment United States colored troops.

Returning from the service, late in 1865 he removed to Wabasha county, Minn., and engaged in farming on the frontier.

He was prominent in the civic and political activities of the new state and held many important positions, being a member of the Wabasha county agricultural society and served three successive terms in the legislature of the state of Minnesota in the formative period of that commonwealth.

In 1883 Colonel Geary removed to Fargo to become the receiver of the United States land office, which position he occupied for four years. During the early years of his residence in Fargo he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1885.

Colonel Geary was always an active and loyal worker in the Grand Army of the Republic, having been department commander of the department of North Dakota and four terms assistant adjutant general of that order for the state as well as assistant adjutant general on the staff of National commander Van Sant. He also was post commander of John F. Reynolds post, No. 44, member of the soldier's home board of Lisbon, N. D., and president of that board.

Colonel Geary was made a mason on March 28, 1864, and was always prominent and active in Masonry; was a Knight Templar, Royal Arch Mason, 32 Degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner, and one of the early potentates of El Zagal temple.

Great Amount of Grain Marketed

Williston, N. D., July 29.—Already nearly 3,000,000 bushels of grain have been brought in from the surrounding country for marketing here. It is believed the total amount will exceed the 3,000,000 mark within a very few days. It is estimated by the elevator men that the grain is coming into Williston at the rate of between 4,000 and 7,000 bushels per day.

Cars were being loaded out at nearly all of the elevators on Tuesday when The Graphic man interviewed the grain buyers. Of course, not all the grain marketed here has been shipped, as a vast amount of it bought at the Williston Mill elevator, has been made into the high grade flour and sold over a wide territory. The mill reports a constantly increasing business and widening territory for Williston flour.

Kenmare, N. D.—Kenmare's White Way is now a certainty. On Tuesday of this week an order was placed with St. Paul wholesalers for a complete equipment for the new lighting system.

Seth Walters of Watertown, S. D., was a visitor here yesterday looking after land interests.

On Thursday, July 24th, at high noon, Mrs. Amanda Siebels and Mr. Frank Beckers were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. Geo. R. Searles performing the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. A. L. Nelson. She has hosts of friends here and is well qualified to preside over the destinies of a happy home. The groom is manager of the Farmers Elevator Co.'s feed store and mill. He is a young man of good qualities and sterling worth, and with his bride is receiving the congratulations of hosts of friends on the happy event. A reception was held at the Nelson home, after the ceremony, which was attended by a large number of relatives and friends. —Marion Sentinel.

H. B. Halverson of Hettlinger lost a section of good land in a deal with clever swindlers. He traded the land with the understanding that he could select a certain number of horses from a bunch in Arizona but when he arrived there to get his horses he found that if there were any such bunch of horses they were in such a position that it would cost more to round them up than they were worth on the market. So he left and came back and will be compelled to take his loss.

Elevator Had a Good Year

Park River, N. D., July 29.—The annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers' Elevator company was held in the city hall.

D. C. Henderson, state organizer of the Farmers' Elevator association of North Dakota, was present and discussed the matter of organization of the elevators of this state for the purpose of producing competition in the terminal markets.

The proposition Mr. Henderson submitted is under consideration by the local company.

The term of two members of the board of directors expired this year and those elected in their places are Frank Harris and C. E. Reineser. The other members are: Thos. Johnson, D. G. McKay and D. Aitken.

Two Burned by Gasoline Lamp

Plaza, N. D., July 29.—William Deming of this city narrowly escaped serious injury Friday night when gasoline from one of the lamps at the opera house set his clothing on fire.

Deming supposed that the lamp was empty and unscrewed the valve. The gasoline spurted out onto his clothes and immediately became ignited.

Several people who were present rushed to his aid and the flames were extinguished before they had reached his face.

He sustained several bad burns on the hands and arms however, and J. McGinley, who had aided in extinguishing the flames was also burned.

Ray Bassett left Saturday for Havre, Mont. The marriage of Mr. Bassett to Miss Laura Livingstone took place this morning at the home of her parents at Havre. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett have a host of friends here who will be glad to learn that they will return, after a short wedding trip, and make their home in this city in one of the Grady bungalows.

Fargo has a chain gang, and is getting good results from their labors. The thought of placing a man on the streets with a ball and chain attached sounds rather repulsive but there is a class of worthless pettifoggers that are so thick skinned that that seems about the only way to make them work enough to pay for their board while serving time, and to that there is another good feature of the ball and chain and that is a town which has that made of punishment in vogue the criminal class are liable to give a rather wide berth.

Attempt to Force U. S. Into Fight

Washington, July 29.—Suggestions that certain developments in Mexico may be a part of a deliberate attempt to force United States to take a hand in the trouble there, was given serious consideration here this morning. President Wilson and Secretary Bryan held a conference with Ambassador Wilson at 2:30 this afternoon, but none of the three would indicate what had happened. The president declared that the situation was far from solved and that something definite would be known soon.

MAINTAINS DEATH RATE IS TOO HIGH IN NORTH DAKOTA

Dr. Smyth of Bismarck Renews His Charges— Says It Is Due to Apathy of State Board of Health—Answers Dr. Grassick.

Bismarck, N. D., July 28.—To the Forum: In publishing my letter to Attorney General Miller, president of the state board of health, regarding the failure of the state board to enforce the vital statistic law, and the resulting high mortality in the state, you quote Dr. J. Grassick, for six years up to April 1 of this year state registrar under the vital statistic law, as saying: "Dr. Smyth of Bismarck, in making the assertion that the death rate in North Dakota cities is exceptionally high, is not basing such statement on fact."

If Dr. Grassick made that statement it is probably true. My conclusions as to the high death rate of the state were drawn from figures published by the doctor, as state registrar.

This, however, appears to confirm my assertion that the state board of health has for the past six years been wasting money "in publishing incorrect and misleading returns of births and deaths."

Dr. Grassick surely knows that mere statements are not accepted as establishing any theory in sanitary science. If the figures I have given are not based on fact, why does he not furnish the correct figures?

As regards his reported statement, that deaths of patients brought from other points to hospitals are charged to the cities where the death occurred, surely the doctor knows that the death rate of any city is the number of deaths in that city during one year in proportion to the population—usually expressed as the number of deaths per 1,000 population, annually.

Of course there are a great many factors that affect a city's death rate and not always reflecting on the healthfulness of the city. In inter-censal periods it is almost, if not quite, impossible to arrive at the exact population and for the local authorities to make an estimate always leads to an over-statement.

To charge a high death rate to well equipped hospitals and skillful physicians, as is often done, is as stupid as it is untrue. Mandan, which has probably better hospital accommodations for its population than any city in the state, has the lowest death rate, of the six largest cities reporting, James-town figures do not include the state

hospital for insane, which is outside the city limits.

Bismarck which has the highest proportion of non-resident deaths has not by any means the highest death rate as a matter of fact, in spite of increased hospital accommodations and a very large increase in the number of patients treated in those institutions the death rate of the latter city has decreased from 20.0 per 1,000 population, in 1910, to 15.9 per 1,000, in 1912.

In Grand Forks, which has a very small number of non-resident deaths, the death rate has increased in the same period from 11.1 in 1910, to 14.0 per 1,000 population, in 1912.

Of course these figures being, with the exception of those for Bismarck, taken from the official bulletin of the state board of health are probably unreliable but they are the best we have and can be used for comparison. The death rate of the city of Minneapolis for the year 1912, as given by the United States Census bureau was 10.4 per 1,000 population.

Now Mr. Editor, this is too important a matter to leave to private controversy. If the state board of health has done its duty in the past and is doing its duty now, it has nothing to fear from a thorough investigation.

The United States public health service will always detail an officer to investigate conditions in a state, detrimental to the public health, when requested by the state authorities. The United States Bureau of Vital Statistics is much interested in the collection of reliable statistics—this bureau does not accept returns from North Dakota—and would probably send an expert if requested.

All that would be necessary would be for the state board of health and Governor Hanna to make the request and it would not cost more than the actual expenses incurred in the investigation.

North Dakota is without doubt one of the healthiest states in the union and the abnormally high death rate in the cities is not due to unhealthy conditions but to the apathy and neglect of the state board of health.

Respectfully,
F. R. Smyth,
Commissioner of Public Health, Bismarck.

Republicans Will Support LaFollette In the Senate

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS TO AGREE ON HIS WOOL SCHEDULE.

Washington, July 29.—Eleven progressive republican senators tentatively agreed to support Senator La Follette's substitute schedules on wool, cotton and several other sections of the tariff bill.

The conference marked the first effort on the part of the progressive republican element to take a definite stand on their tariff revision.

The vote on the amendments last week showed many progressive republicans are at variance with the remainder of the republican side on certain items. It is understood an attempt will be made to substitute the La Follette wool schedule for that introduced by Smooth and which the latter expects to present as a republican measure.

Today the conference, presided over by Clapp, included Senators Crawford and Sterling of South Dakota and Gronna of North Dakota. The others were Senators Borah, Bristow, Cummins, Kenyon, La Follette, Norris and Works.

An infant at Judd was attacked by the house dog and severely bitten. Needless to state that the dog is now sojourning in the dog happy hunting grounds.

Peter Dovrak of Manning was struck on the head with a hammer while in a well and was stunned but was able to climb out after a time. The hammer fell from the surface.

It has been decided that Harry Fress of Edmore was murdered. Poison was found in the stomach and marks of a club on the head. Richard Benke and George Morarity are held as suspects and will be tried for murder.

Charlie Lee Preparing To Start Work on Building

Lumber is being hauled and other material got in place preparatory to the erection of the building which Alderman Lee is erecting for the parties who are to start a moving picture show. The building will be 50 feet wide and a hundred foot deep with all of the modern conveniences including the most modern system of ventilation. The theater entrance proper will be in the center of the front and in each side will be a small booth or separate room that may be used for office or a cigar store or in fact for any purpose that a tenant may want it for.

The closing of this gap in Main street will be a very much appreciated improvement to the town and with a modern front in place will present a nice appearance to the thousands of people who are passing through Valley City every day.

Editor Trubshaw of the Valley City Courier, who is also postmaster of Cooperstown, announces in his paper that back-stamping of mail is soon to be abolished. Better look up the rules, brother. Back-stamping was abolished May 28th and no mail has been backstamped at this office for over a month.—Litchville Bulletin.

Gas to Be Laid On South Side at Once

Arrangements are now completed and enough orders for gas signed up so that work on the mains will be started at once on the south side running east to Granger's addition. The mains will be laid down Normal avenue and the supply of gas carried around that way as it seems to be the most desirable route on account of the large number who are willing to patronize the company.

Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Laughlin received at the K. P. hall more than seventy-five friends to meet their son and bride, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Laughlin. The hall was prettily decorated with potted ferns and artistic baskets and vases of red carnations and from a daintily appointed frappe table, cooling drinks were dispensed by Lloyd Witter. The Rex Orchestra furnished delightful music throughout the receiving hours and during the informal dancing which closed the evening's pleasure. The banquet hall, where ices and cakes were served from small flower bedecked tables, was also decorated with ferns. The refreshment room was presided over by a bevy of young misses. Those assisting throughout the evening were the Misses Della Coddling, Katherine Valandigham, Ruth Messer, Harriet Neuman, Beattie Dwire and Ruth O'Malley.

Gwinner, N. D.—Following the arrest of Dr. Williams on a charge of violating the prohibition law, a warrant has also been served on Dr. Beathum on a similar charge. After a preliminary hearing continuing for two days, Beathum was held to the district court for trial.

Pigs Are Coming To the Front

Harvey Herald: It is noted with gratification by many that the pig is beginning to be considered as a profitable source of revenue in this section, and several farmers are gradually entering upon a campaign of hog raising, being led to do so doubtless because they realize that the line may be made a good paying proposition in the problem of diversifying and stock raising.

One who found pigs profitable is A. D. Frost, who some time ago bought a number of pigs for \$1.25 each and after feeding them, turned them off at a price of \$18.00 each. He expects to have in the neighborhood of 100 to turn off next year. Mr. Ole Aas is another who is entering the chase enough pigs to clean up twenty acres of barley that is not good enough to pay well to cut, but he will clear enough on it via the pig route to repay him for a reasonable crop. It is learned that a carload of pigs were shipped from Manfred last week many of the Manfred farmers being interested in the pig as a money producer. Others are becoming interested sufficient to contemplate going into it as a supplement to their farming operations and it has been proven that it will abundantly repay those who handle the question properly. Let there be more pigs raised.

Bismarck, N. D.—The funeral was held here Thursday last of David B. Wellman, first speaker of the house of representatives of North Dakota after statehood. He was a member of the last territorial council and of the first state legislature, being elected speaker after a brief fight. He died the first part of the week at Fargo following an operation.

Some of the towns complain bitterly of the alleged carnival companies that have played the town.

N. P. Train No. 1 Was Held Up Near Butte, Montana

Butte, Mont., July 26.—The Northern Pacific train, which arrived here this evening was held up by bandits fifteen miles east of Butte tonight. The train was rolling along at its usual fast gait, with the passengers engaged in conversation, cards and other amusements that usually are the accompaniment of a Northern Pacific train. Just when the enjoyment was at its height the bandits appeared. With arms forced into the faces of the passengers they made them all tremble. The particulars are lacking, but it is said there were some daring deeds committed.

Forman Woman Abuses Husband

Forman, N. D., July 29.—A forerunner of what may be the approaching changed social conditions and standards was noted in Forman last week when Mrs. Hamilton McQuay of Vivian township was haled into justice court on the charge of assault and battery on the person of her husband and using obscene language.

Mrs. McQuay pleaded guilty to both charges. She was fined \$20 for abusing her husband and \$15 for obscenity. Both sentences were suspended later, however.

Hamilton McQuay, the woman's husband, now threatens to enter suit for divorce. Such things used to be read in the daily press only with the principals reversed. People have been greatly interested in the matter here on account of the tables being turned.

Trouble Ahead For Currency Bill

Washington, July 26.—An indefinite extension of the troublesome consideration of the administration currency reform bill by the democrats of the house banking and currency committee was forecasted today, when members of the committee indicated a desire to reopen the discussion on all principles underlying the bill.

The committee insurgents suggested the forcing into the bill the much discussed scheme of prohibiting interlocking directorates in banks and that this be included in the proposed federal reserve system.

Alfred W. Lee, farm expert for the Great Northern Railway Co., stationed at Wadena, Minn., stopped off here last Sunday for a few hours' visit with relatives. Mr. Lee was on his way back from Los Angeles and other coast cities.

Warnings have been issued to all hunters against hunting and training dogs. The new game law protects all song birds and provides for the punishment of anyone training dogs out of season. It is understood that the law will be rigidly enforced.

Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Grady of Oriska are among the shoppers here today.

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