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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON IMMIGRATION SPLITS OVER APPROPRIATION

Bismarck, N. D., March 1.—The senate bill providing for an easier way to move county seats from one town to another had an awful experience in the house and when it came out "recommended for passage" it was hardly recognizable. It was amended and amended again. Changes were made so that it would effect only Nelson and Rolette county and then it was recommended for passage. A great share of the oratory of the day was expended on this one bill and the assessment life insurance bill was the only other one to call forth any argument.

Senators Allen's bill provides a way for allowing assessment life insurance companies to be licensed in the state. The bill was finally recommended for indefinite postponement by a vote of 44 to 36. The clincher motion was attached later and the bill is gone for good. L. N. Torson of Pierce county was for the bill and made a long, strong address setting forth the virtues of the measure.

The insurance department has refused to issue a license to these companies of which there are three and this bill was introduced with the idea of validating them in the state. The matter of their admittance into the state is now up to the attorney general who is to hand down an opinion in a few days. One of the officers of one of the larger companies has been in the city for the past several weeks looking after the interests of his company.

Divided Report Offered.

The house committee on immigration has returned a divided report on the senate immigration bill which would appropriate \$25,000 for 1915 and \$35,000 for 1916 for immigration work. The opposition to this bill came as a rather a surprise to the majority of the house and senate members as it was generally understood that if the Lathrop committee could see their way clear to making the recommendations that the house and senate would be practically unanimous for it. There will be decided fight on the floor of the house against the adopting of the majority report which is against the passage of the bill.

Against Reapportionment.

The house committee on reapportionment will have a divided report on Senator Gibbon's bill providing that each county shall have one and only one senator, and that there be some minor changes as to the representation in the house. The first vote on the bill in the committee was 15 for passage and 15 for indefinite postponement. Later however there was another ballot taken and there were 20 for indefinite postponement and the rest for passage. The report was made to the house on that basis this afternoon.

After Capitol Lots.

A resolution introduced by Treadwell Twitchell authorizes the board of trustees of public property to purchase for the state such lots or lands as may be necessary for capitol site purposes. A number of year ago 290 of the original lots on the capitol site were sold to secure funds for the capitol building and it is the idea of the gentleman from Cass that these lots should not be bought back. Two hundred and ten lots were sold and 48 of them have been bought back at a cost of about \$5,000 and it is thought that the balance can be obtained for about \$15,000. The resolution provides for an appropriation of \$5,000 annually for three years or as long as needed for the purpose.

Senate Committee Reports Saturday.
278, Henrickson—Providing insanity shall be cause for divorce. Killed. Senate bill with same provisions has passed both houses.

12, Harris—Providing for tax of foreign corporations. Do pass.

421, Converse—Exempting farm improvements from taxation. Killed.

486, Lathrop committee—Appropriating \$600 annually for listing taxable land. Do pass.

331, Burgett and Westdal—Taxing money and credits, amended so as to read two mill tax instead of three and do pass.

115, McClellan—Providing for slight increase in pay of election officers. Do pass.

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SERVED NORTHERN PACIFIC FAITHFULLY MANY YEARS

Jamestown, March 2.—One of the beneficiaries of the Northern Pacific pension system for old-time employees is Mr. James Curry of this city, who has been retired from service after 31 years continuous work for the company. Mr. Curry has been section foreman for many years. In addition he has an annual life pass for himself and wife and is now enjoying a well-earned vacation.

NELSON WILL START PAPER AT HARVEY

George L. Nelson and Herman H. Phillips, of Harvey, were guests for a short time Sunday at the Kindred while passing through Valley City. Mr. Nelson is the gentleman who got into trouble some months ago because of his opinion of the supreme court. Mr. Phillips is a prosperous merchant at Harvey, but he comes of a family of newspaper men and with Mr. Nelson is associated in the establishment of a new paper at Harvey.

Miss Louise Peterson, of the faculty of the city schools, and Mrs. Allie Jeffers entertained a group of friends Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Jeffers, in honor of Mrs. Lillian Baldwin, of Bismarck. Mrs. Baldwin sang a group of songs and the evening was delightfully spent at music and visiting, a dainty lunch concluding the evening's pleasure.

IMPROVEMENT COMPANY MAY REORGANIZE

The reorganization committee of the North Dakota Improvement Co., (a defunct organization now in the hands of M. A. Baldwin, Receiver,) has been at work on the proposition of reorganizing the company for the past two or three months, and have now sufficient signers to their proposed plan of reorganization that the company has engaged counsel to prepare the necessary papers and bring an action in court for the purpose of closing out the old North Dakota Improvement Co., and organizing the Western Realty Co., its successor.

The property in the hands of the receiver is yet valuable, and comprises the following: Park Flats, Fargo; Improvement Building, Grand Forks; Improvement Building, Fargo; Sheyenne Apartments, Valley City; Great Northern Hotel, Devils Lake; Sevilla

TOWER CITY WINS DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP IN SENSATIONAL FINISH

Hotel, Devils Lake; Commercial Bank Building, Fargo; two quarter sections of land in Williams county; four lots in Fargo.

The committee had a meeting at Fargo last Friday evening, the membership of the committee are J. M. Kelly, Devils Lake; E. N. Hegge, Hatton; Dr. MacLachlin, New Rockford; Rev. Ronsvold, Grand Forks; Darby O'Malley, Valley City.

The committee wishes that all outstanding contracts be handed in during the next ten days so all may have the same treatment.

Last Saturday evening before the largest crowd ever gathered in the Normal gymnasium, the Tower City High school team defeated the Fargo team 17 to 15.

Fargo had an advantage over Tower City in that she had an easy game that afternoon, defeating Kenals 44 to 11, while Tower City had to fight every minute to win from Valley City.

The game was close throughout and when the final whistle sounded the score stood 15 to 15, so the game proceeded until either side should score two points. After about two minutes of play Steine of Tower City, in one of the most sensational shots ever seen on the Normal floor, caged the globe from past the center of the floor for the winning points.

About fifty rooters came down from Tower City on the evening train to cheer their team to victory. Owing to the fine spirit shown during the entire tournament the Tower City team received the support of most of the Valley City rooters as well as the support of most of the visiting teams.

An unusual number of good teams took part in the tournament this year, among the best were Fargo; Tower City, Hope, Valley City and New Rockford.

Kelley of Tower City was easily the star of the tournament. An All Star team would consist of:

- Coop, lf—Valley City.
- Kelley, rf—Tower City.
- Steine, c—Tower City.
- Hale, rg—Fargo.
- Black, lg—Tower City.

Miss Cecelia Simon has accepted a position in Valley City and will arrive here Wednesday evening from Dazey. Miss Simon is a nurse and will take a position here at the riverside hospital. She is a sister of Miss Lou Simon, the assistant cashier at the local telephone exchange.

MAYOR OF BISMARCK STEPS DOWN AND OUT

Bismarck, March 2.—A. W. Lucas, mayor of Bismarck, last evening handed in his resignation at the meeting of the city commission. The resignation is to take effect after a successor has been elected in the spring. Mr. Lucas retires owing to the press of personal business duties.

Mr. Lucas has been a faithful and efficient public servant. He has handled the manifold duties of his office in a thoroughly competent manner and has made a host of friends since being elevated to the mayoralty. He has ever been friendly to all movements calculated to develop the city of Bismarck and has been a loyal booster of the city.

Mayor Lucas handed in his resignation but the commissioners refused to accept it. Mr. Lucas insisted on its being read into the minutes, however, and states that he will insist on its acceptance. His term of office expires two years hence.

PLEASANT SOCIAL AFFAIR LAST WEEK

MRS. FRANK WHITE WAS HOSTESS TO VISITING CLUB LADIES.

While in the city last week the board of the North Dakota Federation of Women's Clubs were entertained in various ways.

One of the very pleasant social functions held in their honor was a 6 o'clock dinner given by the Sheyenne club at the home of Mrs. Frank White on Thursday evening.

Yellow being the predominating color used in the decorations, yellow candles shed a soft light over the perfectly appointed table with its trilliums, smilax and jonquills.

Covers were laid for 15 guests, the hostess being assisted in the dining room by Mesdames Palmer, Keene and Karr.

At 9 o'clock the same evening the visiting ladies were taken to the Rex theatre where they enjoyed "The Little Gray Lady" in moving pictures, as well as the music by the Rex orchestra and the Rex trio.

THE NEW TIMES-RECORD

To the Public:

The Times-Record has been purchased outright, including plant, subscription list and good will. When we say that we are going to make a new Times-Record, one that will adequately represent Valley City and Barnes County, we realize that the people of the county will have to be "shown," to use the expressive Missouri phrase. To a large experience in newspaper work we add an extensive acquaintance in Barnes County and a determination to give all the news all the time. It will be our aim and endeavor to give the best possible service and highest grade work.

We want to make good and you are invited to co-operate with a view of making this paper a credit to the city, the county and the state.

GREENWOOD & HOUGHTALING

WIMBLEDON WOMAN PLEADS FOR BIRDS

Mrs. D. B. Berlin, of Wimbledon, district treasurer of the State Audubon society, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. M. Greenwood for the past week, left on the Soo Monday morning. While here at Valley City she has addressed each of the grades in the Ritchie, Lincoln and Model schools on the conservation and protection of birds and their value to the country from both an economic and aesthetic viewpoint. She also met with the board of directors of the Federated Women's clubs at their meeting on Thursday and gave them a brief outline of the work they might take up in their clubs with a view to a more systematic protection of the birds. She is spending today presenting the matter to the school of Rogers and Leal, and this evening will return to her home at Wimbledon.

Mrs. Berlin is also a member of the National Audubon organization and is planning to present soon in her home schools that delightful little bird masque, "The Sanctuary", by Percy Mackye, which was given in Meriden, N. H., in September, 1913, under the especial patronage and including the participation of President Wilson's family.

BIG FEATURE COMING.

The management of the Rex theatre state that the next big feature shown at that popular house will be "Spartacus," which is a wonderful film, and an eight-reel drama. Watch for this fine film on Monday.

SENATE REFUSED TO PASS HOUSE BILL NO. 71

County Officers May Do Own Work in Future—Some Opposition to Watkins Developments at Last Hour.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 27.—After a debate lasting nearly an hour the senate refused to pass House Bill 71 which provides for the appointment of an officer known as the enforcement commissioner and defines his duties. The bill was introduced by the friends of the prohibition movement in the state and the enforcement officer was expected to be of assistance to the county attorneys and other officers who have charge of the enforcement of the prohibition law. The bill passed the house with a nice majority and it was thought for a time that there would be little trouble in getting it through the senate.

When it came up for final consideration however, it was discovered that some of the members had undergone a change of heart and the vote resulted in there being 23 for the motion to indefinitely postpone further consideration of the bill and 22 against the motion. When the matter came to a vote on the clincher motion there were still more for that, the vote being 26 for the clincher and 21 against it. It will now be necessary for the prohibition forces to muster a two-thirds

vote of the senate before the bill can be brought to life again.

Those voting for the indefinite postponement of the bill were: Albrecht, Allen, Barnes, Bond, Bonzer, Clark, Gardiner, Hamilton, Hughes, Jacobsen, Kretschmar, Leutz, Martin, McBride, McGrey, McLean, Nelson of Grand Forks, Nelson of Rolette, Porter, Vall, Wartner and Young. Those voting nay were: Bronson, Englund, Ellison, Gibbons, Gronvold, Heckle, Kirkeide, Loftsgaard, Mallow, McFadden, Mudgett, Murphy, Nelson of Richland, Yverson, Paulson, Porterfield, Putnam, Sikes, Steele, Thoreson, Tragem, Hyland, Linstrom.

Yverson and Hyland are known to have been in favor of the bill and had they been present the bill would have carried by one vote but the clincher motion which carried by a vote of 26 to 21 removes all apparent possibility of the bill coming to the front again at this session of the legislature. Following is the roll call on the clincher motion: Ayes: Albrecht, Allen, Barnes, Bond, Bonzer, Clark, Davis, Gardner, Hamilton, Highes, Jacobsen, Kretschmar, Leutz, Lindstrom, Martin, McBride, McGrey, McLean, Nelson of Grand Forks, Nelson of Rolette, Porter, Porterfield, Sandstrom, Vall, Wartner, Young. Absent and not voting: Hoverson and Hyland.

Those voting nay were: Bronson, (Continued on Page 6.)

GOV. HANNA HONORS VALLEY CITY MAN

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 28.—L. F. Crawford of Sentinel Butte and Frank White of Valley City, former governor of North Dakota, have been tendered appointments to the board of regents and have notified Governor L. B. Hanna of their willingness to accept.

Dr. J. D. Taylor of Grand Forks has likewise been tendered appointment, but has not indicated his decision. Frank H. Sprague of Grafton and John Watson of Fargo are others to whom appointments were offered, but both declined to act.

Usher L. Burdick of Williston has likewise been tendered a position, but has not as yet made definite reply, although close friends in Bismarck assert he will not accept. Emil Scow of Bowman, also can go on the board, and no word has yet been received from him.

The regents will, on July 1, take over absolute control of the state university, agricultural college, the normal schools at Valley City, Mayville and Minot; the Bottineau School of Forestry, the Ellendale Normal Industrial school and the Wahpeton School of science.

WILL VISIT TWO CITIES.

Mrs. Harry Bjerkness and baby daughter, who have been spending the past several months in Valley City visiting with relatives and friends, will leave on Saturday for Minneapolis. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Vernon T. Gale, who will spend a couple of months in the Twin Cities, and who will be the guest of Mrs. Bjerkness.