

### How's Your Wall Paper?

You'll be thinking very soon of cleaning and decorating the house. I can handle every detail of the work, furnish the paper and paint and do the work. It will pay you to have me figure on the job.

#### SOME BARGAINS IN WALL PAPER

Will show samples on telephone call and give you prices on work.

**Peder Baarstad**

Phone 575 518 W. Main St.

## ILLINOIS IS NOW HALF DRY STATE

Chicago, April 7.—A total of 50 out of 102 counties in Illinois are entirely dry today, three new counties—Marion, Franklin and Jasper, having been added to the dry column in yesterday's local option election.

About 100 saloons were voted out of business, out of the 350 involved in 45 townships. The chief try victory was in Centralia, which has been wet for 60 years. Thirty-eight saloons were voted out there. In Wisconsin, cities, towns and villages, which voted on the liquor question yesterday showed a gain for dry forces in the larger cities voting on the issues—Madison, Superior, Ashland and Beloit, remained in the wet column.

Nineteen cities and towns, which formerly were wet, went dry while only four villages, which were dry, went over to the saloon forces.

#### HASTINGS NOTES.

Hastings Times: Jack Arves was up from Kathryn on Thursday to look after business matters.

O. T. Olson and C. F. Norberg autoped to LaMoore on Saturday where they attended to business matters.

Chas. Olson and H. O. Hanson and families spent Friday at the O. T. Olson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Morten Berg, of Kathryn arrived on Friday to visit at the Mahlum home.

Anna Tomren, who is employed at one of the stores at Kathryn arrived on Friday to visit with friends and relatives.

F. S. McNabb left on Friday for his home at Morris, Minn., to visit during Easter. He intended to be back in about two weeks.

April 5th marked the beginning of work in the fields again. Every farmer was in the fields with drags and drills.

Albert Peterson, of Nome, arrived with his crew of men on Monday and commenced immediately on the S. L. Reiten building.

A keg rolling along the streets and alleys caused some disturbance on Sunday afternoon. The marshal was called out to confiscate it.

Olemeder Enger left on Saturday of last week for his home at Twin Valley, Minn., after having spent a few weeks here visiting his brother, N. J. Enger.

O. J. Mennes and family left on Saturday for Kathryn for a few days' visit with relatives and friends south of Kathryn. O. J. returned on Monday and Mrs. Mennes and the children will stay until Saturday.

Ole A. Kjelland, who was in the harness business here a few years ago has again opened a harness shop on the same place where he was before and is now in position to fix your harness and have them in readiness for spring work.

On April 1 another business deal was consummated in our village when F. S. McNabb of the firm of Hastings Cash store sold his interest to E. O. Graalum. Mr. McNabb has accepted a position at the Bennett drug store in Litchville and will begin his duties on April 20. We regret to see Mr. McNabb leave us as he has won a host of acquaintances by his short stay in business here. We bespeak a successful business for the new firm.

Miss Myrtle Lundgren, who has been teaching school in District No. 75 left on Wednesday for Valley City. Miss Lundgren was compelled to leave her school before the term was out, because health did not permit her to fulfill her duties any longer.

S. D. Reiten has commenced the excavation of the cellar for the dwelling he is erecting in block three. This will be used by Rev. Lassessen and his family and Mrs. Arthur Jothan as

## PERSONAL MENTION

Thomas Nesbit, of Sanborn, was a business caller in the city Saturday morning.

H. L. Taylor was a visitor in the city from Hannaford on Saturday. He was a guest at the Kindred hotel.

L. C. Hedstrum returned on No. 7 on Friday evening. He has been out on the road for some time.

T. L. Wright, of St. Paul and B. F. Stienke, of Toledo, Ohio, were guests at the Rudolf hotel on Saturday.

S. Fletcher, the stock man from Matteson, was registered at the Kindred Friday night.

Great enthusiasm was shown in chapel at the Normal school on Thursday on the occasion of President McFarland's birthday. The news had somehow leaked out and the students gave a cheer for the birthday. After the preliminary chapel exercises, Pres. McFarland made a short speech in which he thanked the students for their remembrance.

Robert Williams, of Milo, Iowa, arrived in the city on Friday evening on No. 7. He registered at the Kindred.

Jake Chlberg, a well known farmer living in the Getchell Prairie district was a Valley City visitor Saturday.

The many friends of T. L. Coddling will be sorry to learn that he has not seemed as well the past few days.

Bryan Clark, Lloyd Witter, and Deane Brook were chapel visitors at the Normal school on Thursday morning.

Mrs. C. C. Chamberlain, of Enderlin, is here visiting for the week end with her niece, Mrs. Floyd Tenney, of Tracy avenue.

K. A. Bonhus left Saturday morning for West Prairie, to look after farming interests at his farm 14 miles south of the city.

Dean Brooks, who has been spending the Easter vacation at the Dr. E. A. Pray home, will return to Grand Forks Monday to resume his studies at the state university.

Mrs. William Schnur, of Fingal, a former resident of Valley City, spent Saturday in town shopping. Mrs. Schnur returned home Saturday evening.

Thos. Gullickson, one of the enterprising residents of the Eastedge country, made the Times-Record office a call Friday.

Little Jennette Lee, daughter of A. J. Lee, is confined to her home on account of having an acute attack of the measles.

Miss Gladys Fridd came in from her Baldwin school Friday evening, to remain over Sunday.

Bert Weston arrived Friday evening from Hillsboro, where he teaches school, to spend the week end with his parents.

J. P. Dumont, of Fargo, arrived in Valley City on No. 8 Friday evening. He was registered at the Kindred hotel.

Mrs. Louise Hanson has had as her guest the past week the Misses Annetta and Elsie Hurd and Miss Laverna Longhollow, of Staples, Minn. The young ladies concluded their visit in the city Saturday evening.

The young people of the Norwegian M. E. church gave a musicale at the church Friday evening for the benefit of the parishioners. A very fine program was rendered.

Sam Mikkelsen transacted business in Fargo Saturday.

Mrs. George Critchfield has just purchased a fine new Overland car. Mrs. Critchfield became the possessor of the new car on Tuesday. It was bought from Sam Mikkelsen. The Overland is a five passenger machine.

John Wollersheim, son of Phillip Wollersheim, formerly of Dazey, but now of Alberta, Canada, is visiting at the home of John W. Miller, on Third avenue.

E. T. Sollen arrived on Tuesday evening from his home in Minnesota to attend school at the Normal.

they have decided to reside in Hastings. Rev. Lassessen has accepted a call to serve this congregation as well as the Litchville and the Sand Prairie congregations.

We are again called upon to chronicle the death of one of our midst. Anna Dorothy Kulsrud, eldest daughter of C. H. Kulsrud, died on Saturday morning at 1 o'clock after a lingering illness of several months. Everything had been done that was in the power of humanity to lengthen her life, but to no avail. Miss Kulsrud was at the time of death 34 years, four months and 18 days old, and she leaves to mourn her death four brothers, three sisters, and an aged father. She was born in Fillmore county, Minn., but has spent the greatest part of her life on the old farm home just north of here. The funeral was held on Tuesday and the remains were laid to rest in the Spring Creek cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

## DEATH OF T. L. CODDING EARLY MONDAY MORNING

T. L. Coddling passed away early Monday morning at his home. Mr. Coddling had been suffering for some time from Bright's disease, but was thought to be improving. He recently suffered a relapse and the end came quickly.

Mr. Coddling was born in Michigan in 1859 and came to Dakota territory in 1872. He resided in Green township until about four years ago when he moved to this city and has since been the steward at the Commercial Club rooms. A more extended notice will be given later.

#### SIBLEY TRAIL NEWS.

Rogers Citizen: Mabel Nolen spent Easter vacation at her home. Spring's work has begun, every one is busy in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wieland were callers in Dazey Saturday.

Mrs. F. Lang and daughter Jessie were callers in Dazey Saturday.

Ferguson Cooper is the proud owner of twin calves. They are beautiful, too.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Algeo were callers at the Fred Lang home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. R. J. Algeo and daughter, Margaret were callers at C. C. Nolen's last week.

Easter services were held in St. Mary's church Sunday, Father Higgins officiating.

Herman Galehoff and James Algeo called at the C. C. Nolen home Monday evening.

Oscar Stubstad, August Hatch and Clifford Mead were visiting at F. C. Lang's Saturday.

Harry Schwenger, Mary Riedman, Richard Wieland, Louise Kunze and Hubert Kunze are all new beginners in our school.

We are all pleased to learn that Herman Wieland is slowly but surely improving and hope he will soon be well again.

## 40,000 MEN ENGAGED IN A FIERCE CONFLICT IN MEXICO

Irapuato, Mexico, April 10.—General Francisco Villa is engaged in battle with the forces of his former friend and fellow soldiers, General Alvaro Obregon, the man whom he now considers a traitor to Mexico and the arch enemy of the country. The fight has been in progress for four days about the town of Celaya, 30 miles from here. The loss of life has been heavy on both sides.

Villa's artillery has been raining shrapnel into the town with terrific effect. The Carranzistas, entrenched behind barb wire barriers have been able, with their machine guns and rifle fire, to stop the fierce cavalry onslaughts which were directed against the fortifications.

About 40,000 men are engaged in the battle. Villa has 15,000, with reinforcements arriving daily. Obregon is reported to have left between 20,000 and 25,000 in the city when he departed for Queretaro. Although Villa has not taken the city, his army feels victorious because, with inferior numbers, they have stopped Obregon's advance to the north, which had apparently been planned to take advantage of Villa's activity in the Tampico campaign.

Villa's sudden departure with such a large force from Monterey came as a surprise to the Carranzistas, who were advancing without opposition in that part of country.

#### FORMER TIMES-RECORD BOY IS A DADDY

Forbes Republican: J. M. Fields, editor of The Monango Journal, has been in want of a good, steady printer for some time, but the problem was solved on Monday according to a message received from there which says: "Born on Monday afternoon, April 5, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Field, a son."

It is said that Julian is now so "chesty" about the affair that his clothes are out of proportion. Well anyway, the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fields in Forbes extend congratulations, and may the young man some day prove as worthy a man as his "daddy."

J. V. Johnson, of the Gray department store, returned to his work Thursday after being laid up Wednesday.

C. A. Nagel has treated himself and family to a new Overland car. That man Mikkelsen is sure doing some business.

"There's law for this and law for that," The man in business sighed. It keeps me guessing where I'm at. And how my hands are tied. "My great concern today is not That I may shortly fail. I have to give my every thought To keeping out of jail. "For profits that may comfort me No longer can I plan, It's taking all my time to be A law-abiding man. "Oh, sorry is the plight I'm in, I have no path to choose, The court will nab me if I win, The sheriff if I lose." —Publisher's Bulletin.

Few if any series of addresses have ever attracted more attention and favorable comment than those given by Rev. C. E. Vermilya at the Methodist church during the last few weeks. The general theme was "The Quest for Life." The church has been filled to overflowing every night. Sunday night many could not get in at all, though every available corner had an extra chair in it. Every sermon has been full of suggestions as to what would and would not make for largeness of life in its varied relations. Announcement was made Sunday night that beginning next Sunday night a complementary series to this one will be preached on "The Quest for God," the theme for Sunday night being, "Is There a God?"

The members of the Child's Welfare club held a most interesting meeting Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Kelsey, on Second avenue. There was a very good attendance, and Mrs. C. E. Hunt gave a splendid address before the club on "The Common Ailments of Children and Their Treatment," which was greatly enjoyed by the mothers. Mrs. Kelsey served a delicious lunch at the close of the evening. The next meeting of the Child's Welfare club will be held April 23, at the residence of Mrs. H. O. Myhro, 220 Normal avenue, and Mrs. Thos. G. Benson will give a talk at that meeting.

Mrs. R. Gisellius and sister, Miss Carry Lovesteen, left for Minneapolis Wednesday afternoon, where they will remain about a week visiting and shopping.

## PERSISTENT REPORTS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE

Washington, April 10.—The warring European nations' bankers, not their governments, started peace suggestions, according to state department information from abroad tonight. It was said the financiers have been pointing out that the strain was growing unbearable, that some nations would never recover unless war ended soon.

Because of this, officials looked for financial pressure, both in London and Berlin, to restore peace in the near future.

Washington, April 10.—Notwithstanding the denials emanating from the White House and the state department of any knowledge of peace movements, Washington today is full of rumors of the coming peace in Europe. Whether these rumors are deductions from the sudden impulse given to the stock market as foreshadowing a settlement or are the result of the inferences people themselves draw from the course of the fighting or are based on hints falling from subordinate members of the state department, the fact is that they persist and will not be quieted by official denials.

The report today was based on some minimum terms that Germany is said to have put forth as a feeler. The substance of these terms as outlined in different quarters is the cessation of war without indemnities on any side and the return of the territorial conquests. Evidently such terms would give Belgium back to the Belgians but without any money to restore the country. To overcome this apparent defect in the terms there has been brought forward in the gossip a suggestion that Germany pay Belgium a fair price for the Congo Free State. The similarity of this proposition to the payment by Russia of a sum for the repurchase of the southern half of Saghalien island in lieu of indemnity after the Russo-Japanese war tends to make the suggestion appear reminiscent.

It is difficult in the presence of very dense official silence to make up one's mind whether these persisting rumors of peace are made up from some hints dropped or are merely the expression of what people would like to believe.

That there is color for believing the first is a fair inference to be drawn from the atmosphere about the Ger-

## EXCAVATION FOR THE NEW CHURCH NOW IN PROGRESS

Excavation for the new Congregational church was formally begun Monday morning at 6:30, when Mrs. Wylie Neilson, deaconess of the local organization, turned the first shovel of earth amid appropriate services, at the corner of Fifth street and Sixth avenue north.

At a meeting of the deacons of the church Sunday morning it was decided to open the work for the new edifice by suitable exercises which should commemorate the occasion, and plans were hastily made which resulted in a fine gathering of representative members of the church at an early hour Monday morning for a sunrise meeting which should renew enthusiasm in the work about to be done, augment loyalty and interest in the cause and strengthen the community spirit in the new institutional enterprise about to be launched in the city. When the campaign for funds was made last fall, many persons not connected with the Congregational church pledged themselves liberally in response to solicitation because of the community element predominant in the plans. The new church is to be a seven-days-of-the-week institution for the general uplift and encouragement of the community, where denominational doctrines shall form no barrier to participation and where all members of the family will find enjoyment and help suited to their respective needs. This fact was evidenced Monday morning by the assemblage of persons of all ages who crowded about to enjoy the novel occasion and rejoice in the beginning of actual work on what has so long been hoped for.

Under the leadership of Professor Meyer, the choir sang a number of appropriate selections, the entire audience joining in the service; E. C. Hilborn, Supt. of the Sunday School, read the Bible lesson, and Rev. Lyon led the invocation. President McFarland delivered an earnest and inspiring address, calling attention to the fact that it was only through sacrifice and constant endeavor that any good thing was accomplished, and urged that each person do his best to uphold and continue the work which was being begun as a suitable culmination of the years of growth and effort through which the earlier church had passed. Mrs. Wylie Neilson, a member of the Building Committee, and who for many years has been the church deaconess, turned the first shovel of earth, followed by many others who represented various branches of church activity, and Rev. Lyon formally pronounced the work of excavation to have begun. The doxology was sung and the crowd dispersed after the pastor had taken a photograph of the group. Men and teams stood by ready to continue the work of excavation, the ascending sun shone brilliantly through the frosty morning, and with renewed enthusiasm and the satisfaction of the materialization of long-deferred hopes, the members of the First Congregational Church of Christ, of Valley City, hastened to their delayed breakfasts after what will remain in the minds of them all as a memorable occasion.

The Auxiliary Guild entertained the Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church Wednesday evening at supper. There were about 90 people present, and the Auxiliary Guild served an elaborate supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Hills, formerly of the Colonial flats, moved into the Shevonne flats recently.

Miss June Briggs left Tuesday morning for her home at Delevan, Wis., after a several week's visit in Valley City at the home of Miss Mae Stuart. Miss Briggs stopped in Minneapolis en route east.

Mrs. L. P. Hyde, who has been the corresponding secretary for the North Dakota State Federation of Women's clubs, has gone to Minneapolis to make her future home, and the executive board have appointed Mrs. J. E. Featherstone, of Valley City, the corresponding secretary for the federation, to take the place of Mrs. Hyde. Mrs. Featherstone is a very efficient club woman, and she will be a valuable addition to the board of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Olsby was somewhat surprised Saturday afternoon at about 3:30 when 24 ladies walked into her home on East Main street, the occasion being Mrs. Olsby's forty-eighth birthday. Each lady carried a package, which proved to be part of a dainty lunch which was later served, after which the Misses Trudie and Borghild Olsby, being called upon, rendered a duet in their usual pleasing manner. Mrs. Olsby received a number of useful and dainty articles in remembrance of those present. All present report a very good time.

The Auxiliary Guild entertained the Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church Wednesday evening at supper. There were about 90 people present, and the Auxiliary Guild served an elaborate supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Hills, formerly of the Colonial flats, moved into the Shevonne flats recently.

## NORTH DAKOTA HAS 707,643

On April 15 of this year, just five years from the last decennial census and midway until that of 1920, the estimated population of the state of North Dakota will be 707,643, as compared with 577,056 in 1910, an increase of 103,587, or a rate of gain of 22.6 per cent for the five-year period. The estimates are based on the methods followed by the United States census bureau. The annual estimates by the census bureau are of July 1, but as April 15 is the expiration of the five-year period since the last census, that date is given the preference in this publication. However, the July 1 estimate is also given and on that date it will be 713,082.

The following is that table year by year from 1900.

June 1, 1900	319,146
April 15, 1910	577,056
July 1, 1910	582,497
July 1, 1911	608,614
July 1, 1912	634,731
July 1, 1913	660,849
July 1, 1914	686,966
April 15, 1915	707,643
July 1, 1915	713,082
Increase from 1910 to 1915	130,587
Percentage	22.6

Excavation for the new Congregational church was formally begun Monday morning at 6:30, when Mrs. Wylie Neilson, deaconess of the local organization, turned the first shovel of earth amid appropriate services, at the corner of Fifth street and Sixth avenue north.

At a meeting of the deacons of the church Sunday morning it was decided to open the work for the new edifice by suitable exercises which should commemorate the occasion, and plans were hastily made which resulted in a fine gathering of representative members of the church at an early hour Monday morning for a sunrise meeting which should renew enthusiasm in the work about to be done, augment loyalty and interest in the cause and strengthen the community spirit in the new institutional enterprise about to be launched in the city. When the campaign for funds was made last fall, many persons not connected with the Congregational church pledged themselves liberally in response to solicitation because of the community element predominant in the plans. The new church is to be a seven-days-of-the-week institution for the general uplift and encouragement of the community, where denominational doctrines shall form no barrier to participation and where all members of the family will find enjoyment and help suited to their respective needs. This fact was evidenced Monday morning by the assemblage of persons of all ages who crowded about to enjoy the novel occasion and rejoice in the beginning of actual work on what has so long been hoped for.

Under the leadership of Professor Meyer, the choir sang a number of appropriate selections, the entire audience joining in the service; E. C. Hilborn, Supt. of the Sunday School, read the Bible lesson, and Rev. Lyon led the invocation. President McFarland delivered an earnest and inspiring address, calling attention to the fact that it was only through sacrifice and constant endeavor that any good thing was accomplished, and urged that each person do his best to uphold and continue the work which was being begun as a suitable culmination of the years of growth and effort through which the earlier church had passed. Mrs. Wylie Neilson, a member of the Building Committee, and who for many years has been the church deaconess, turned the first shovel of earth, followed by many others who represented various branches of church activity, and Rev. Lyon formally pronounced the work of excavation to have begun. The doxology was sung and the crowd dispersed after the pastor had taken a photograph of the group. Men and teams stood by ready to continue the work of excavation, the ascending sun shone brilliantly through the frosty morning, and with renewed enthusiasm and the satisfaction of the materialization of long-deferred hopes, the members of the First Congregational Church of Christ, of Valley City, hastened to their delayed breakfasts after what will remain in the minds of them all as a memorable occasion.

The Auxiliary Guild entertained the Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church Wednesday evening at supper. There were about 90 people present, and the Auxiliary Guild served an elaborate supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Hills, formerly of the Colonial flats, moved into the Shevonne flats recently.

Miss June Briggs left Tuesday morning for her home at Delevan, Wis., after a several week's visit in Valley City at the home of Miss Mae Stuart. Miss Briggs stopped in Minneapolis en route east.

Mrs. L. P. Hyde, who has been the corresponding secretary for the North Dakota State Federation of Women's clubs, has gone to Minneapolis to make her future home, and the executive board have appointed Mrs. J. E. Featherstone, of Valley City, the corresponding secretary for the federation, to take the place of Mrs. Hyde. Mrs. Featherstone is a very efficient club woman, and she will be a valuable addition to the board of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Olsby was somewhat surprised Saturday afternoon at about 3:30 when 24 ladies walked into her home on East Main street, the occasion being Mrs. Olsby's forty-eighth birthday. Each lady carried a package, which proved to be part of a dainty lunch which was later served, after which the Misses Trudie and Borghild Olsby, being called upon, rendered a duet in their usual pleasing manner. Mrs. Olsby received a number of useful and dainty articles in remembrance of those present. All present report a very good time.

The Auxiliary Guild entertained the Ladies' Guild of the Congregational church Wednesday evening at supper. There were about 90 people present, and the Auxiliary Guild served an elaborate supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. K. Hills, formerly of the Colonial flats, moved into the Shevonne flats recently.

## NORTH DAKOTA HAS 707,643

On April 15 of this year, just five years from the last decennial census and midway until that of 1920, the estimated population of the state of North Dakota will be 707,643, as compared with 577,056 in 1910, an increase of 103,587, or a rate of gain of 22.6 per cent for the five-year period. The estimates are based on the methods followed by the United States census bureau. The annual estimates by the census bureau are of July 1, but as April 15 is the expiration of the five-year period since the last census, that date is given the preference in this publication. However, the July 1 estimate is also given and on that date it will be 713,082.

The following is that table year by year from 1900.

June 1, 1900	319,146
April 15, 1910	577,056
July 1, 1910	582,497
July 1, 1911	608,614
July 1, 1912	634,731
July 1, 1913	660,849
July 1, 1914	686,966
April 15, 1915	707,643
July 1, 1915	713,082
Increase from 1910 to 1915	130,587
Percentage	22.6

**FIRE LIGHTNING**

## Are You Safe?

What would you do if your home was destroyed by fire? Could you buy another without seriously cramping yourself? The answer to these questions will tell you why you should let us make you safe by writing a policy on your house and furniture.

**Charles G. Lund Agency**

**TORNADO HAIL**