

SHOWS UP THE COMBINE ON N. D. STATE PRINTING

Fargo, June 11.—"Of course there is a printing combine in North Dakota and there has been in some form or another for a good many years, but I never was a member of it," said Fred Knight, of the Knight Printing company, to a reporter when asked concerning Secretary Tom Hall's statement concerning the state printing. "The printing is in the hands of a few big firms and a number of little fellows come to bid but they get maybe \$50 to \$200 worth of it and the big ones get the rest," continued Mr. Knight.

Mr. Knight says the statement that he double-crossed the combine is incorrect because he never was in it, but that in almost every case where he files bids on public printing some firm will underbid him on some one article, another upon some other article, etc.

As to the Blue book, Mr. Knight says of course it should be printed by his company to whom it legitimately belongs, and they are at work upon it. In the main, he says the charges published as coming from Bismarck, are correct. Some firm formerly grew fat on the state printing; then another appeared to get it away from them, but they seem to be pulling together now.

"Have you got a copy of the Red book, Mr. Knight?" asked the reporter. "No, I haven't," he said, "but of course they have a schedule of prices. A good many years ago when I worked for the old Argus company there was such a schedule of rates; it was a black book in those days and even the St. Paul firms conformed to it, but I haven't been near enough to the fellows getting it to have a peep lately."

Some years ago a sensation was made in the state by the publication of the fact that a pool controlled the state printing, and in proof a copy of an agreement was published, signed by representatives of the four big firms of the state; these included Geo. B. Winship of the Grand Forks Herald, and M. H. Jewell of the Bismarck Tribune. Jewell is now dead and Winship, the once great progressive leader of the state, is retired and living in California. In these days "combines" were general and not looked upon as they are now.

A state officer tells us that the following is a copy of one page contained in the Red book. He says no names are signed; the members of the combine are wiser than those of the old time organization, but this particular official does not believe that any of the parties concerned will deny either the fact of the combine or the book and rates. The quotation is as follows:

"General—No bids shall be filed. No price to local dealers below schedule, except 25 per cent on blanks, 15 per cent on stock books and 20 per cent on election supplies. Penalty for violation, fine of 50 per cent of the regular schedule price of job, majority vote to enforce penalty. All goods shipped F. O. B. factory.

"New or Burned Out Companies—Each house shall notify each other house by telephone of the time of letting. Any house wishing to participate in the letting shall be on the ground within 48 hours after receipt of notice, but in no case sooner than

the day before the letting. The houses represented shall divide the work as nearly equally as possible and draw cuts for choice. If the work cannot be divided the house taking the job shall advance the schedule, 20 per cent if four, 15 per cent if three, 10 per cent if two houses are represented, and divide with the other houses on the basis of 10 per cent if four, 12 per cent if three, 20 per cent if two.

"If circumstances compel any one house to take a burned-out order before the arrival of the representatives of the other houses, he shall advance the schedule 20 per cent and divide on the above basis with all the houses, provided, that this shall only apply to an order of \$500.00 or over."

It is reported from Bismarck that the appearance of the story made a sensation, but that Secretary Hall, while provoked at what he considers premature publication of it all, stands by his assertions and says he is ready to produce the goods. It was not intended to divulge the matter for several days yet.

The most sensational charges involve the North Dakota Press association and some of its officers and are to the effect that this organization has been used as a lobby for this combine and also to aid the American Tobacco company in securing the repeal of legislation and that certain newspapers were to be rewarded by fat advertising contracts.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS ASSURED FOR PROSPEROUS LITCHVILLE

Litchville Bulletin: Electric lights for Litchville, before snow flies again, are now practically assured. G. G. Venaas & Co. have applied for and secured permission to erect poles and string wires for transmission of "juice." Gus has a big engine, now used for running an electric generator. He has already obtained an option on a dynamo and switch-board, and, with a little rearrangement, will have room for it in his present building. He expects to begin active work in September.

FINGAL PUPILS GRADUATE

Fingal Herald: The commencement exercises of the Fingal school were held at the opera house Thursday evening. An excellent address was delivered by Rev. C. E. Vermilya, an able speaker, and Professor Whalian was very fortunate in securing his services for the occasion.

Eda Tvedten, Anna Bordson and Ogden Isackson completed the work in the Fingal school this year. The eighth grade graduates were Edith Olson, Melany Bordson, Cora Lillithun, Elmer Isackson, Alex Steidl and Maurice Ramsett.

PROPOSALS WANTED

The board of supervisors of Ellsberry township will receive proposals for drawing grader until noon, June 19, 1915. Proposals should be written and filed with the clerk who will furnish further information. G. O. Lemley, Clerk, P. O. Pillsbury, N. D. 10-2w

Art James, of Dazey, was in the city on business Thursday and Friday.

CITY SCHOOLS PREPARED FOR COMMENCEMENT DAY

The city schools will close Friday, June 18. The final examinations are now well under way. The commencement atmosphere already permeates the premises of both grades and high school. The formal exercises begin with the baccalaureate sermon next Sunday evening, June 13, which will be preached at the M. E. church by Rev. Vermilya.

On Tuesday evening, June 15, the eight grades of the Lincoln school and the Ritchie school will hold their graduating exercises in the assembly room of the high school. Each school will furnish one part of the program, the Ritchie school putting on an operetta entitled "The Flower Nymph's Surprise," and the Lincoln school a dramatization of "The Lady of the Lake." Over 50 pupils will take part.

On Wednesday afternoon the high school will hold their annual field day exercises at the Chautauqua park. Among other athletic affairs arranged by classes, the following have been suggested: An obstacle relay race, a canoe race by the boys, row boat race by girls, tree-climbing and rope-climbing contests and a tug of war across the river.

In the evening at the assembly room the "Senior Class Night" program will be held. The program is as follows:

Vocal Solo—Laila Platou.
Class History—Ruth Witter, Alice Tolstad, Clara Gunderson and Mabel Winkler.

Senior Girls Sextette—Slumber Song.

Class Prophecy—Marion Cole, Amanda Bonhus, Ferno Wilson and Chester Naves.

Class Will and Shower—Amanda Wagle, Florence Noltmimer, Roy Weston, Carl Heyerdahl, Oliver Aas and Rudolph Steidl.

Advice to Juniors—by Senior class president, Margaret Mudgett.

Response by Junior class president, Esther Schroeder.

Senior Class Song—Paul Baarstad, Laila Platou, Florence Beachem and Ann McGee.

The commencement exercises of the high school will be held in the Armory Thursday evening, June 17, and on this occasion two dozen of Valley City's finest young people will be gladened by receiving at the hands of the board of education a testimonial of proficiency in the accomplishment of the great task with which they have been faithfully toiling for a dozen years. This year for the first time the school has yielded to the custom of having a commencement speaker from abroad. Prof. Vernon P. Squires, dean of the liberal arts college of the state university, will be the speaker and his subject, "A Life of Three Dimensions." The program is as follows:

- (a) Stars of the Summer Night...Nevin
- (b) Romany Mother's Song.....
-Gertrude Knox
- High School Girls' Chorus....
- Violin Solo—Hojre Katl.....Hubay
-Miss Adolpha Hedstrom....
- Address....Dean Vernon P. Squires
- Bridal Chorus from "Rose Maiden".....
-Carven
- High School Octette
- Presentation of Diplomas.....
-Mr. A. P. Paulson
- Benediction.....Rev. Mr. Lyon
- The Alumni Banquet will be held on Friday evening.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE ISSUED

On Saturday morning Judge O. H. des Irrgens, of the county court, issued a marriage license to Brent Gustave Sad, of Dozey, and Miss Gudrin Kamillia Gunderson, also of Dozey. Mr. Sad is a nephew of John Sad, of Valley City.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stiles, George Stiles, Jr., Pete Fenstad, Harold Coop and his cousin, George Bonhuff, of Chicago, left Friday for Battle Lake, Minn., where they will join the Walter Coop family and spend a few days fishing. From Battle Lake Mr. Bonhuff will go on to his home at Chicago.

C. W. Hensel, of Courtenay, was a local visitor on Thursday. He was registered at the Kindred hotel.

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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD CARRIED MUCH LIQUOR

Mandan, June 10.—In his application for a restraining order to prevent the Milwaukee road from shipping liquors into the state of North Dakota, Attorney General Linde claims that upwards of 15,000 casks of beer and 2,500 barrels of liquor, including brandy, wine and whiskey, were shipped into the three towns of Linton, Strasburg and Hague, Emmons county, from January, 1914, to May 8, 1915.

The application for an injunction was filed in Judge Hanley's court.

The population of Emmons county is less than 12,000. All the figures secured and presented as evidence are taken from the records in freight offices of the Milwaukee railroad, and were secured by Assistant Attorney General Francis J. Murphy.

The complaint avers that considering that it has been tacitly admitted that a man may ship in three cases of beer at a time for his own consumption and in a reasonable length of time, figures were given to show that R. L. Volk of Strasburg received, from April, 1913, to May 1915, 1,098 cases of beer, 52 casks of whiskey; in October, 1914, 237 casks of beer; in June, 1914, 193 casks of beer.

M. Lipp, Strasburg, June, 1914 to April, 1915, received 695 casks of beer. B. Wold, Strasburg, April, 1913, to June, 1914, received 1,230 casks of beer and 90 casks of liquor.

J. Kundert of Linton, from January, 1914, to May 8, 1915, received 238 cases of beer besides several barrels of liquor.

At Hague, N. D., according to the figures gained by the attorney general, L. P. Muenz received, from January, 1914, to April, 1915, a total of 1,382 cases of beer. Others who received large shipments are listed.

All of the above consignees will be subpoenaed to appear in court.

The records gained also show that during the past year and a half there has been great quantities of liquor shipped into the three towns, consignments being shipped in varying quantities to 2,312 parties in Linton; 1,650 parties at Strasburg and 482 parties at Hague.

When the injunctive order was signed late Saturday afternoon by Judge J. M. Hanley of the Twelfth Judicial district it was made returnable at 2 o'clock, June 30.

The hearing will be held here in Mandan, unless the defendants take a change of venue to the federal court, as was done in the case of the Northern Pacific. In that case the attorneys of the railroad stipulated that the injunction remain in force until the final hearing.

"It is not our intention," says Attorney Linde, "to prohibit the shipment of all liquor into North Dakota. Under the North Dakota statute, only liquor which is shipped into the state to be used in violation of the law, can be prohibited. Under the Webb-Kenyon law, which takes liquor shipments out of the hands of the interstate commerce commission, the North Dakota law becomes operative and the railroad companies are deprived of the defense that such shipments are interstate commerce.

"The result of these cases will undoubtedly be that the railroad companies will require satisfactory proof that all shipments of liquor accepted in Minnesota and other states for North Dakota parties is for private consumption only."

Mr. Linde concluded, "State Enforcement Officer F. L. Watkins informs me that since the injunction has been in effect on the Northern Pacific railroad complaints received by him from various counties in the state of liquor violations have dropped off 90 per cent.

"If liquor violations fall off 90 per cent, throughout the state when all railroads are enjoined, as the Northern Pacific record would indicate, we will feel that we have accomplished something."

Mr. and Mrs. Sim Mason reached home Friday morning from an extended trip to points east. They visited at Washington, D. C., and New York city, where they went to see Miss Blanche graduate from Columbia university. At Detroit, Mich., they visited George Mason and they also made various other stops. Miss Blanche remained over in Chicago to visit Miss Beatrice Soren, who has been attending the School of Fine Arts. She will go from Chicago to Oshkosh and Fondulac, Wis., returning home some time next week.

Clerk of Court Harry Olsby has purchased the fine lot just south of Mrs. Cummings' residence, and next to the Mrs. Velzy property on Ninth avenue. Mr. Olsby is having the excavating and foundation put in for a modern new eight-room, two-story house, which news will be of interest to the many friends of the Olsby family.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Martin Smith, of Enderlin, was among the out-of-town visitors Friday.

Mrs. A. G. Mottke, of Minot, was an early arrival on the Soo line Friday morning.

E. J. Claseson, of Fargo, stopped off at Valley City for one day Thursday, while on his way east.

Miss Eva Bailey has returned to the city from a short visit with friends at Dozey.

Miss Fannie Abrams, of Beach, spent Thursday in Valley City. She was a guest at the Kindred hotel.

Casper Winkler left Thursday evening for Minnesota points where he will remain for a few days to fish.

The Misses Bertha and Clara Schwandt, of Buffalo, N. D., came to Valley City Thursday for a short visit with friends.

Carl Skramstad, of Nome, was in Valley City Thursday and Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mudgett have as their guests at their home on Eighth avenue south, their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Hollingsworth and little son David, of Bismarck, who will spend a few weeks in Valley City.

Mrs. Geo. F. Long and daughter, Miss Helen Long, of Tacoma, Wash., are the guests of Mrs. Long's sister, Mrs. J. E. Crane, of the Sheyenne apartments. They are returning to their home from Washington, D. C., and New York.

Esther Semling left Friday morning on No. 3 for her home at Bismarck, having been called home by bad news.

W. H. Orr, of Fargo, was a Valley City visitor Thursday.

F. J. Smith and H. Grothen, of Le Mars, Iowa, were in the city Thursday visiting with friends.

T. B. Magath, of Oxford, Ga., stopped off to visit a day in Valley City while on his way to the coast.

Thomas Boucher left Friday morning for a trip through points in the western part of the state.

Mrs. and Mrs. Sim Mason returned Monday morning on No. 3 from the Twin Cities where they have been visiting and shopping for some time.

Miss Lillian Healey returned to the city Friday evening from Grand Forks where she went as a delegate from the Episcopal church to the convocation. From Grand Forks Miss Healey went on to Devils Lake for a short visit with relatives.

Tom Costello, of Sanborn, was a Valley City visitor Thursday. He was a guest at the Rudolf hotel.

Prof. L. B. McMullen of the State Normal school, will deliver the commencement address at Cooperstown Friday night.

Pete Peterson and Giles Personius have returned home after their long jaunt over the country during which time they saw the Panama exposition.

Miss Stina Wagle recently returned from the northeastern part of the state where she has been teaching. She will spend the summer with her parents.

Miss Mina Stralee, former manager of the Grand theatre, writes to friends in the city that she is now in Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. Stralee and Miss Ruth, who have been spending some time in Montana, have also gone to Los Angeles, where the family will now make their home.

The township of Grand Prairie voted Thursday on the proposition to issue bonds for the erection of a suitable building for their consolidated school. It was carried by a vote of about two to one. The money will be secured from the state and a low rate of interest secured.

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