

President Wilson Makes His Speech to Congress

Washington, Dec. 6.—Congress re-assembled at noon for what promises to be most important and historic session of a generation. The proceedings in both house and senate were brief, being confined entirely to organization, the formal introduction of some bills and resolutions. In accordance with custom, both soon adjourned and sent a committee formally to notify the president that congress was in session.

The real work of the session will begin tomorrow when President Wilson will deliver his annual address to a joint session assembled in the hall of the house.

Speaker Clark was re-elected and sworn in amid cheers from the floor and galleries.

In the senate organization was perfected by the re-election of Senator Clark of Arkansas as president pro tem. Vice President Marshall was not in the chair for the opening.

In his opening address to the house, Speaker Clark paid a tribute to Republican Leader Mann, and predicted practically a continuous session hereafter.

"I am profoundly grateful to you for the high honor of the speakership, thrice conferred by your friendship and partiality," Clark said, addressing the members. "By reason of the amazing growth of our beloved country and the bewildering increase of business the time is in sight when congress will remain practically in perpetual session. I hope this congress will go into history as a working congress."

Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, democrat, gave notice that he would introduce (Continued on Page 8)

Minot Building Record for November Is Big

Minot, Dec. 5.—Thirteen substantial residences were added to Minot last month, according to the building permits issued by Building Inspector O. H. Moon. The total building operations for the month was \$39,300. While this amount is considerably below that of some of the rush months during the summer when the permits were around the \$100,000 mark, it is a decidedly good record for November, when all building operations are largely suspended in this country and when weather conditions handicap construction. Of the total number of building permits for November, all were for residences except one church and one store. The cost of these two structures was \$2,300, making the total for residences alone during the month \$37,000.

Of the 13 residences for which permits were granted in November there was one for \$3,500; seven for \$3,000 each, and five for \$2,500 each. This shows a substantial class of residences being erected in the city and is indicative of the normal growth as well.

RAISES BIG CROP OF FINE WHEAT FOR SEED

Mandan, Dec. 1.—Marquis wheat that weighs 65 pounds to the bushel and averaged 33 bushels to the acre is the kind of wheat that is raised on the Missouri Slope on this side of the river. This fact is vouched for by Fred W. Winter of the Hekton vicinity who was in Mandan attending to business matters in connection with his farm. He completed threshing this very excellent crop recently.

Mr. Winter, said he purchased the very best grade of Marquis seed wheat that he could find last spring. He prepared his ground with the caution the average western North Dakota farmer does and this fall he sold the entire crop of his excellent wheat to the Occident elevator at Fort Rice for seed wheat. One of the Northern Pacific officials interested in the agricultural department happened to be at the elevator when the grain came in and secured a sample of Mr. Winter's grain to take to St. Paul for display purposes.

CHURCH NOT OPEN YET

The committee in charge of the new Congregational church wish the public to know that the church will not be open to inspection before dedication as the finishers will be at work and wish no interference. After Sunday, Dec. 12, the church will be open at any and all times to the public.

Many Heard Elks' Memorial Service

Each year it is a custom of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks to hold a memorial service for the departed members and this custom was observed Sunday afternoon at 3:15 by the local lodge at their home on the banks of the Sheyenne. The public was invited and a goodly number listened to the following program which was worthy a much greater audience: Meditation from Thais Massenet

Prof Knute Froysoa
Opening Ceremony
By the Lodge

Opening Ode—Air, "Auld Lang Syne"
Great Ruler of the Universe,
All seeing and benign,
Look down upon and bless our work,
And be all glory Thine.

Oh, hear our prayers for honored dead,
While bearing in our minds
The memories graven on each heart,
For Auld Lang Syne.

The Audience
Prayer
Bro. L. G. Moultrie, Chaplain

"Peace I Leave With You"
Chas. E. Tinney
Mrs. Wm. T. Craswell

Memorial Address
J. M. Hanley
Mandan Lodge, No. 1256

"Andantino"
Martin-Kreisler
Prof. Knute Froysoa

Closing Ceremony
By the Lodge
"The Lord is My Light"
Alliston
Prof J. B. Meyer

Doxology
The Audience
Benediction

Bro. L. G. Moultrie, Chaplain

The following is the list of names of the departed in whose memory the services were conducted:

- Martin Iverson, Dec. 3, 1909.
- John Passmel, July 3, 1912.
- T. A. Torkelson, Oct. 3, 1912.
- Andrew Goodwin, Feb. 1, 1913.
- L. C. Bordwell, Oct. 3, 1913.
- D. W. Bailey, Feb. 16, 1914.
- James Coop, July 20, 1914.
- Magnus Chilberg, Nov. 14, 1914.
- Herman Hemp, Dec. 7, 1914.
- E. C. Nelson, June 2, 1915.
- F. A. Kelly, July 20, 1915.

Pioneer of County Passed Last Week

Nome Tribune: Last Wednesday morning Nov. 24, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Thill Hendrickson, Ole Borreson, one of Barnes county's first settlers, passed quietly away at the age of 70 years and three months. He homesteaded in Barnes county in 1879 and had kept active charge of his farm until a few years ago, when the infirmities of old age compelled him to give up his work and since that time he has been making his home with his daughter on a farm near this village.

Ole Borreson was born in Norway Aug. 13, 1846, and it was in that country that he received his early education, living there until young manhood when he left his native home for the bright prospects the United States were offering to the young and strong at that time, coming as far as La Crosse, Wis., where he first settled. (Continued on Page 8)

CO-OPERATION BIG HELP TO FARMERS

Mandan, Dec. 4.—The organization of farmers' clubs as the means of improving farm conditions in Morton county, and through these clubs the introduction of the co-operative experimental and diversification work, is the basis upon which A. J. Gaumnitz, recently named better farming agent for Morton, will work.

Mr. Gaumnitz arrived from Fargo and is now ready to take up his work as farm expert for the county. He expects first to conduct a series of meetings wherever there is a call made by the farmers. There is no charge whatsoever for these meetings, all expenses being borne by the county appropriation which was made two years ago and nearly equalled by the United States department of agriculture, through the state experiment station.



N. C. MACDONALD

N. C. Macdonald, state inspector of consolidated, graded and rural schools, today confirmed the rumors of the past few weeks that he is now a candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction, having decided to enter the race since Supt. Taylor has stated definitely that he will not seek the office again. Supt. Macdonald says in speaking of this matter: "After being encouraged by many people from every section of the state, and that without solicitation, to enter the contest for the state superintendency I have decided to become a candidate for this very important office. It is very evident that there is an extensive and insistent demand for someone who is especially well qualified by training and experience to assume the leadership in the matter of the up-building of the rural schools. Whether I am that person or not the people will be given the opportunity to determine at the polls. In this and other agricultural states the major work of the state superintendent is and ought to be related directly to the development of the rural schools, for there the majority of the school children is enrolled and there the need is the greatest. At a later date I will give my platform more in detail, but I will say now that if nominated and elected I pledge myself to make a special effort, through the co-operation of all helpful agencies, to develop more fully all public schools and more especially the rural schools in every section of the state."

Supt. Macdonald is now completing his fifth year as state inspector of consolidated, graded and rural schools, which work is mainly that of an assistant state superintendent. By his co-operation with county superintendents and other school officials, the press and other organizations, he has had remarkable success in this field, not only in grading up the one-room rural schools but in more than doubling the number of consolidated schools and in securing an increase of four times the amount of state aid. He taught his first school in North Dakota 23 years ago and has been engaged in some form of school work here ever since. The first ten years were spent as a rural school teacher and county superintendent in Cavalier county and principal at Hatton and the next seven as city superintendent at Lidgerwood and Mandan and the last five, including this year, in his present position. Thus he comes before the people with a varied and successful experience as rural school teacher, village principal, county and city superintendent, deputy state superintendent, an instructor in the summer schools of the higher institutions, institute lecturer and conductor and state inspector of consolidated, graded and rural schools. Hence it seems that the proper and logical thing for him to do is to ask for the promotion to the office of state superintendent. His academic and professional training has also been very extensive, being a graduate of the Mayville State Normal school and a graduate of the State University of North Dakota, with the degree of Master of Arts. He has also done post-graduate work in the universities of Chicago and Leland Stanford. Thus he possesses most valuable experience and training and special qualifications to lead in the matter of rural school development and to administer properly the affairs of the office. He is now on his fifth trip over the state and so knows the village and rural school conditions over the entire state as no

one else can, and if elected would not have to spend a term in learning the actual conditions and the factors involved in the development of the new rural school.

Leading educators and school people generally believe that he would make an excellent state superintendent and many of them have assured him of their cordial good will and support.

His high standing among the educators of the state and nation is shown by the fact that he has served as president of the state association, state director of the national education association, and that he has appeared several times on programs of this national organization, being the only public school man to date in the state to be given a place on the general program of the N. E. A. He is now a member of the National Council of Education, the parent and supervising body of the N. E. A., and whose membership is limited to 120, he being the sole representative from this state. He is also special collaborator in the U. S. Bureau of Education, receiving this honorary appointment on account of the high-grade reports and pamphlets that he has prepared during the past four years pertaining to rural and consolidated schools.

Supt. Macdonald is virtually a North Dakota product, having lived here over 30 years and having come here from Canada when but nine years of age. He was raised on a farm in Cavalier county and upon which his mother and a brother still live. Coming through the pioneer days of frequent crop failures, he worked his way unaided through high school, normal school and college. He is in sympathy with all movements tending to make farm life more profitable and congenial and to make the lot of all that labor a more pleasant one. His great ambition is to take a larger part in the movement that will bring to country children educational facilities that are as free and as equal as those enjoyed by city children. The best friends of better rural schools feel sure that as state superintendent he could do more and better things to help develop more fully these schools than he has done by serving in his present position; and so they will make a strong effort to have him promoted to the office of state superintendent of public instruction.

Barnes County Filled Special

It was a jolly crowd of boosters that boarded the special train here Monday evening, destination St. Paul, where they were to whoop it up during the Equity convention. Valley City will be very much in evidence, and such advertising ought to be worth considerable. There were plenty of badges for all and the large number from this section will make a good showing. They were optimistic to the last degree, and sanguine that when the show-down came Valley City should win.

The Northern Pacific reports 130 tickets sold here for the special train, about 40 at Oriska and a like proportion from the towns on to Fargo.

Casselton Bank Closed; Former Officers Held

Cannon Ball Man Is Seriously Hurt

Mandan, Dec. 4.—James Rutan, farmer of the Cannon Ball district, is in a serious condition at his farm home as the result of injuries which nearly cost him his life.

He was driving to Solen with a heavy load of grain and was going down hill when the neck-yoke broke. His team was frightened and started to run. Rutan was dragged off the seat of the wagon and fell heavily to the ground, breaking his nose, both collar bones and knocking out several teeth and otherwise being bruised, cut and injured.

The wagon then ran over Rutan, crushing the bones of his right leg. He was picked up and carried to his home and is now under a doctor's care.

Noltmier Students to Present Charming Play

The playlet, "Ruth, the Moabitess," will be staged by the students of the Noltmier school in their assembly room, Wednesday evening, Dec. 22. This delightful little drama, so appropriate at this time of the year, is from the pen of Miss Abbie L. Simmons, associate professor of English at the Agricultural college. Miss Simmons is also the author of "Apollo and Daphne," which was presented at the Women's Federation in Minot last month. Miss Cornelia Schroeder, intermediate teacher in the school, will play the leading part of Ruth. The rest of the cast is made up of students. Mr. Carlson is directing it. It is the aim of the school faculty to present nothing but the best drama and they are indeed fortunate in securing the right to present this play.

In connection with the play, there will also be a recital given by Miss Koenig's piano pupils. Miss Koenig is at the school every Monday and has a very promising class of boys and girls taking piano lessons.

A nominal admission fee will be charged.

Gave a Five O'clock Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Aldahl entertained at a 5 o'clock dinner Sunday at their home on North Fifth avenue. Covers were laid for nine and a delicious turkey dinner was enjoyed. Chrysanthemums formed the centerpiece and added beauty to the dainty appearance of the table. After dinner a pleasant evening was spent.

VILLA GOVERNMENT IS TO REORGANIZE

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 1.—A reorganization of the Villa government and the election of a new president are to be considered at a meeting of "sovereign convention of the Villa government" soon to be held at Juarez, according to announcement tonight.

The announcement made by General Colonel Hipolito Villa, brother of the northern chieftain and financial agent of the Villa organization at Juarez, stated that delegates, representing General Emiliano O. Zapata, would be present and that 8,000 troops now in and around Chihuahua City, would be transferred to Juarez when the convention meets.

All Villa and Zapata chieftains have been requested, through General Chasarrro, to send as delegates one representative for each 1,00 troops in their command.

WILTON BANK IN NEW HANDS

Wilton, N. D., Dec. 4.—Control of the McLean County State bank of Wilton has passed from C. B. Little of Bismarck, S. M. Pye of Los Angeles, and J. C. Anderson of Wilton, who disposed of their stock this week to August Johnson and Karl Klein of Washburn and Simon Jahr of Wilton. August Johnson was chosen president; Karl Klein, vice president; Simon Jahr, cashier, and Joseph Wright, assistant cashier.

Frank Hannig, who has been ill for some time, is reported as somewhat improved. His folks have moved into town from the farm for the winter and are now at home on First avenue.

The doors of the First National bank of Casselton are closed and National Bank Examiner C. H. Anheier is in charge of the institution investigating its affairs in order that all may be protected. While the investigation has not progressed to a point where the real conditions are known, reports are to the effect that the close is only temporary and is made necessary by some slow paper, which it is believed is good but will take time to realize on.

Charging false entries in the books and embezzlement of funds, R. C. Kittel, former president of the First National bank of Casselton and W. F. Kittel, cashier, were arrested yesterday in connection with the closing of the doors of the institution.

Both men waived preliminary examination before United States Commissioner A. W. Cupler late yesterday afternoon and were released on bail bonds aggregating \$15,000. R. C. Kittel, whose bond was fixed at \$10,000, and W. F. Kittel, at \$5,000, had as their bondsmen Frank Lynch of Casselton, and George Fowler of Fargo. The Kittels returned to Casselton last night.

R. C. Kittel and W. F. Kittel, before leaving Fargo, made emphatic details of the charges preferred against them, and said they were returning to Casselton to assist National Bank Examiner Anheier to adjust the books and to "assist in the reorganization of the bank." It was stated here that the directors of the defunct bank are wealthy and intend to go to the support of the falling ship and that the closing might be only temporary.

Sensational developments are promised in connection with the closing, it was stated last evening. A report from Casselton at midnight stated that "everybody was hit and everybody was wild." Efforts to learn the amount of the shortage brought no tangible figures and the report that it would be close to \$200,000 was declared to be "all bosh" by R. C. Kittel.

It was said that the bank had interests in the Northern Trading company of Casselton and Fargo, and one cause for closing was that large loans had been made to this company in which R. C. Kittel, former president of the defunct bank, and Cashier W. F. Kittel, each have big interests. The company handles considerable land in the vicinity of the north central part of the state, especially in McHenry county.

The First National bank of Casselton, was capitalized at \$50,000 and according to the recent bank statement issued the deposits amounted to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300,000. It was said yesterday that farmers having funds in the bank walked the streets of Casselton in a frenzy of excitement, and that toward night when the story of the closing reached the rural communities, the town was filled with farmers and that the talk of the night was what the institution would pay on the dollar. Many of the laborers in this section of the state, had deposited their earnings during the fall in the bank, and it was said, had cashier checks and drafts.

It is reported here that borrowings of R. C. Kittel, a former officer of the institution, for which the stock of the bank was put up as collateral, is responsible for at least a part of the present condition of the institution. However, the bank is backed by some of the strongest financial men of the county and it is reported that these have come forward to the support of the institution and that the closing is only temporary arrangement.

On Nov. 27 Mr. Kittel sold his interests in the bank to the other stockholders and an election was held at which M. G. Straus was named president and Oscar F. Gray was elected to the vice presidency.

The First National bank of Casselton is one of the oldest banks of eastern North Dakota, having been established in 1882 and since that time has held a place in the front ranks of the banks of the state.

A report from Casselton states that the directors are working on a reorganization with prominent farmers of that vicinity interested in the new plan. It is said that if this is allowed to proceed the bank will reopen in a short time.

H. L. Reade, assistant state fire marshal, of Bismarck, was in the city Monday, on business connected with his department.

You miss the best part of the paper if you don't read the want ads daily.