

**THE CITY**

Olaf Johnson was an arrival from the Nome country Tuesday morning.

Laird Jeffers returned Monday night from a ten days' visit with his father at different Minnesota points.

August Eloffson is in the city from Nome and serving as one of the district court jurors.

G. N. Anderson, better known as "Gus", left Sunday afternoon for Fargo after spending the holidays with his parents in the city.

Miss Blanche Rogers, of Herman, Minn., will arrive Tuesday evening for a few week's visit with her cousin, Miss Jessie Sargent.

Charles Gruman, prosperous farmer from Springdale township, motored into town Monday on matters of business and incidentally stayed over to attend lodge with the Eagles, returning home Tuesday.

Nic Swenson, the prosperous farmer from Dazey, has moved his family into town for the winter to give his children the advantage of our good schools, he having a daughter in high school and two sons attending the Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Enerson left on Tuesday morning over the N. P. for California, by way of Portland, stopping off for a visit at Eugene and Medford, Ore., San Francisco and other points in the San Joaquin valley. They will probably spend most of their time at Pasadena, which is their final destination. Mr. Enerson expects to be home about April first, coming by way of Salt Lake City, Denver, Omaha and the Twin Cities. Mrs. Enerson will remain until about the first of May.

Mrs. Peter Hanson entertained eight guests at a Sunday dinner, a pleasant time being enjoyed by all.

The Odds and Ends club met last week with Miss Georgia Henry and enjoyed their usual good time.

Col. Spink was in the city Tuesday from Fingal to attend the Elks' meeting at night and was registered at the Rudolf.

H. A. Wasser, former sheriff of Stutsman county and at present chief of police of Jamestown, was in the city Tuesday as a witness in a holdup case.

Mrs. Geo. Stiles has been confined to her bed with a severe attack of the grippe and as yet shows no signs of improving.

Arthur and Howard Hill, who spent the past week with their aunt, Mrs. Harry Coddling, returned to their home on the farm Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Short arrived in the city Sunday night from Miles City, Mont., and are at present staying with Mr. and Mrs. Burl Carr on North Fifth avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ritchie went to Minneapolis Sunday, Mrs. Ritchie for a two weeks' visit and Mr. Ritchie for a couple of days' business trip. He returned Tuesday.

The Q. A. E. club met Monday night with Mrs. Owen Bergman and had a good time, which is usual with this club. Norwegian whist was played and delicious refreshments served.

Miss Emma Severson returned Sunday from Canada where she spent her vacation with her sister. She is the Latin teacher in the High school.

Miss Margaret Plank has returned to her work in the English department of the High school after her holiday vacation. While in Minneapolis she attended the wedding of her brother.

John Simons, a former resident of Valley City, arrived from Fairview, Mont., Sunday morning to visit his daughter, Mrs. Chas. K. Otto. He will return Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stewart and children went back to Bismarck Monday morning on No. 3, after spending the holidays at the Herbert Weston home.

Miss Hope Wallace, of Devils Lake, is teaching in the Lincoln school in the place of Miss Mary Hudson, who has been ill for some time, and who is still unable to return to her school.

Dr. W. N. Palmer and daughter, Miss Jessie, returned from their holiday visit in Minneapolis Tuesday morning. Mrs. Palmer and the two little children will return the last of the week.

Arthur Egge, of Fredonia, was an arrival on the Soo Tuesday morning from Minneapolis, where he has been on a business trip, and will spend a week with his sisters, the Misses Egge, on Fourth avenue.

Miss Mayme Brewster returned to her school duties in the Ritchie school after spending her vacation at her home in Underwood. Miss Brewster's many friends in the city will be sorry to learn of her great loss, her mother having passed away on Christmas day.

Smith Beaver arrived in the city Monday morning from Kentucky to appear as witness in the case of the state against the four hold-up artists who are on trial at the court house.

The mayor has ordered members of the Valley City police force to wear uniform caps, and most any time now you can look for the appearance of something natty in the way of "bull" headgear.

Frank P. Cook and A. J. Passmel left last week for the coast, going by way of Chicago, Kansas City and El Paso. They expect to be gone about three months and will return by way of Vancouver over the Canadian Pacific.

The Misses Alice and Grace Uleland, of Roseberg, Ore., spent New Year's day as the guests of Miss Hazel Nielson. They were former classmates at the state university and are taking post-graduate work and were returning from Edgeley where they spent Christmas.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Hansen returned Monday morning from La Crosse, Wis., where they spent the holidays with home folks. They were accompanied on their return by Mrs. Hansen's sister, Miss Florence Beckel, who will remain with them indefinitely.

The women of the Woman's Club will entertain their husbands at a club dinner at 6:30 Monday night at the home of Mrs. James Grady. Mrs. Geo. Fridd and Mrs. A. B. Cox will be assisting hostesses. Covers will be laid for 24.

Miss Emma Scott returned Sunday night from Steele, where she spent the holidays with her home folks. She is a teacher in the grades in this city. She brought with her her niece, Miss Pearl Scott, who will enter the Normal.

Father McGeough, of Wimbledon, was in the city Monday.

H. I. Personius left on No. 4 Monday afternoon for Hillsboro, to be gone about a week visiting with friends and attending to matters of business.

Chas. Maier and family, who have been visiting his parents at Verona, returned Sunday night by auto.

Miss Alma Hendrickson, who has been ill for several days is again able to be at work in the Fair store.

A large section of steel shelving has been added to that already in the vault of the office of the register of deeds.

Caspar Weiss, of Montana, spent Friday in the city visiting Miss Anna K. Cook, on his way to Des Moines, Iowa.

Peter Undseth, of Kathryn, was a Valley City visitor Monday.

Oscar Holberg left Sunday evening for Seattle, Wash., to visit relatives, expecting to be gone about a month.

Miss Louise Pederson returned Sunday morning from her home in Forest City, Iowa, where she spent the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Kaufmann and baby daughter, from Kansas City, arrived Sunday night for a short visit at the home of her father, Hugh McDonald.

Frank Tracy and Vaughn Cowell spent Friday in Fargo visiting with friends and seeing the "Birth of a Nation."

Edward Bohnhoff, who has been visiting at the Henry Beyer home at Oriska, returned Monday morning on No. 7.

Warren Traeger, of St. Paul, who has been assisting Rev. Bohnhoff during the holidays, will leave Tuesday night for his home.

Miss Lola Markley went to Fargo New Year's day to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Kline and attend the "Birth of a Nation," returning Sunday.

**Hedstrum Concert Was Very Enjoyable Affair**

The concert at the Methodist church Thursday evening was one of unusual interest as it was given by two Valley City girls, both of whom are former students of the state Normal school conservatory, Miss Florence Hedstrum having graduated in 1912, and Miss Adolpha Hedstrum in 1914. Miss Florence was for two years a student of Mr. Hall, the well-known Chicago tenor and voice instructor; since then she has been appearing in concerts. She has a clear, beautiful voice, a highly cultivated musical taste, and sings with a great deal of temperament. Her work is always very artistic and finished.

Miss Adolpha is a violinist of no small attainment. She draws a beautiful tone, her phrasing and technique are good and she plays with an abandon that is fairly captivating.

Both the concert givers were cordially received by a small, but enthusiastic crowd and each of the sisters were given a bouquet of roses. They were ably assisted by Dean Woodbams, who sang with a great deal of ease and in a most charming style. His selections were much appreciated. Miss Josephine Wright added much to the success of the occasion by her splendid accompaniments.

The concert was given for the benefit of the Swedish Lutheran church.

**IMPLEMENT MEN TO MEET AT FARGO**

Fargo, Dec. 30.—Fargo will entertain the North Dakota Implement Dealers' Association when that body gathers for its annual convention on January 25, 26 and 27. According to plans and arrangements that are now under way of this meeting, Fargo will do more than entertain the convention, it will show the visitors one of the biggest times of their lives.

The Fargo Commercial Club is working with Chairman Will Isham and Messrs. Larson and Fortin, who compose the entertainment committee chosen by the local implement dealers, to make this the biggest convention of its kind ever held in the northwest. The Commercial club has gone farther than to lend its efforts toward the entertaining of the visitors, it has appropriated a considerable sum of money for this purpose.

Mr. Isham, chairman of the local committee, in speaking of the coming convention this morning said:

"Fargo has yet to be outdone as the convention city of the northwest. It is the sense of the membership of the local implement dealers' association to spare neither time nor effort to make this the biggest and best convention in the history of the organization and to send the visitors home feeling that they have spent the three most profitable and enjoyable days of their lives."

The committee in charge of the arrangements expects an attendance of from 600 to 800 implement men of the state. They have already received letters and cards from prominent implement men from all parts of the state, signifying their intention of being present and hundreds who have not as yet been heard from are sure to come. The past season has been an extremely profitable one for the implement dealers and no excuse will be accepted from those who fail to come.

**Farmers' Nonpartisan League at Valley City, January 6**

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Farmers' Nonpartisan League in Valley City Thursday, Jan. 6. Good speakers have been secured to furnish addresses on the problems and live topics interesting to farmers and members.

What the league has done and can do will also be one of the features, and it is desired to have everybody attend and bring all members of the family and their friends.

The meeting place is at the city hall, and the time is set for 1 p. m.

Commissioner R. B. Cox left on No. 4 Monday afternoon for Ontario, Canada, called there by the serious illness of his mother.

R. G. Griffing, of St. Paul, government examiner for the granting of citizens' papers, was in the city Monday on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aamoth and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Mayland returned on Friday night from Fargo, where they went to see the "Birth of a Nation."

Joseph Larson, of Minneapolis, is in the city to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. J. M. Hummel. He is an expert plumber and will undoubtedly be kept pretty busy while here.

Warren Whitman, of Portland, Ore., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Winifred Benson, and his brother, Freeman Whitman in the city.

**MIDDLEWEST LOAN & TRUST CO.**

**Two Years Old Dec. 31, 1915**

**CONDENSED STATEMENT**

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>              |                     |
| Capital Stock                   | \$100,000.00        |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits   | 11,862.92           |
| <b>DEPOSITS</b>                 | <b>110,408.25</b>   |
|                                 | <b>\$222,271.17</b> |
| <b>RESOURCES</b>                |                     |
| Loans and Discounts             | 71,140.85           |
| Securities Deposited with State |                     |
| Treasurer                       | 51,400.00           |
| Bonds and Warrants              | 8,793.00            |
| Overdrafts                      | 188.44              |
| Furniture and Fixtures          | 2,002.00            |
| Due From Agents                 | 3,255.02            |
| <b>Cash and Due from Banks</b>  | <b>85,491.86</b>    |
|                                 | <b>\$222,271.17</b> |

**We have reasons for being happy. We owe our thanks to our many patrons. May you have Joy and Prosperity this coming New Year.**

**COMMISSION CLEARS UP SEVERAL CLAIMS**

Bismarck, Jan. 1.—Today the railroad commission sent the papers which closed a series of claims against a bankrupt elevator company of the state which have been pending for the past year and involving in amount about \$17,000. Most of the claims in this case were paid quite promptly by the bonding company last winter, but it has required the time intervening to clean up the rest of the cases, owing to imperfections in the evidence of indebtedness.

The claims department of the railroad commission has collected in the past year about \$35,000 for grain storage ticket holders during that time, and this without cost to the ticket holders or litigation. This work is not obligatory on the part of the commission, but it has offered its good offices in the cases mentioned and has been very successful in bringing the trouble to a conclusion agreeable to both sides.

The fact that so few failures of grain concerns is occurring among the more than 2,000 elevators licensed is pleasing to note, inasmuch as it shows the business is being conducted upon conservative lines. And in this connection a word of praise must be said for the surety companies behind the grain business, for the promptness with which claims have been paid upon proper presentation of evidence of indebtedness indicates the safety guaranteed by the elevator bonds. This is particularly true of the North Dakota bonding companies, whose promptness in settling obligations of this kind is particularly noted.

Prof. C. C. Curtiss returned Sunday morning from Chicago, where he spent several days. He spent Christmas in Minneapolis on his way there and New Year's day in the same city on his return.

Miss Dorothy McFarland left Sunday night for Bismarck, where she is teaching in the fifth grade of the city schools, having spent the holidays with her parents here.

Mrs. Wemett, mother of W. M. Wemett, left Monday for her home in Hemlock, N. Y., and will visit another son in Chicago on her way home.

Miss Winifred Wood returned Sunday from her holiday visit to her home in Jamestown and resumed her teaching in the High school Monday.

Tom Bonhus took in the "Birth of a Nation" at Fargo Friday.

**Bowling Association Has Contest Started**

The first contest by two teams of the new bowling association was played at the Pastime bowling alleys Monday night. The new association with the following officers promises to be very successful:

M. P. Krogh—President.  
Carl Johnson—Secretary.  
Walter Coop—Treasurer.

Already over 50 have joined the club and a schedule of 13 weeks has been arranged. Several prizes have been offered by different merchants in town.

The Anderson Clothing Co. and the Rex Theater teams play Tuesday night.

The following is the score of Monday's games:

|                    |      |     |     |
|--------------------|------|-----|-----|
| Russell Miller Co. | 1st  | 2nd | 3rd |
| Nelson, O.         | 165  | 135 | 185 |
| Stasik             | 158  | 158 | 113 |
| Wilkins            | 135  | 153 | 174 |
| Mason              | 141  | 154 | 150 |
| Feldmann           | 118  | 151 | 125 |
|                    | 717  | 751 | 747 |
| Grand Total        | 2215 |     |     |
| John D. Gray Co.   | 1st  | 2nd | 3rd |
| Nelson, M.         | 134  | 152 | 134 |
| Sherman            | 154  | 205 | 147 |
| Kramer             | 124  | 92  | 157 |
| Nelson, C.         | 185  | 194 | 188 |
| Nelson, A.         | 122  | 135 | 157 |
| Grand Total        | 2280 |     |     |

**BISHOP QUAYLE IS TO VISIT WESLEY COLLEGE**

Bishop William A. Quayle is to spend Wednesday, Jan. 12, at Grand Forks. His visit is primarily in recognition of Wesley college, but it is also to be of general interest because of the several public addresses scheduled for the day: 11 a. m., University convocation address in gymnasium; 4 p. m., address in Corwin hall, Wesley college; 8:30 p. m., address in Methodist church. From 6 to 8:15 p. m. will be a men's banquet with Bishop Quayle as speaker and Wesley college endowment as the subject of interest. This visit is to be a notable event. Pastors and prominent laymen from many parts of the state will take this opportunity to hear Bishop Quayle, whose fame is nation wide.

Henry Ruud, C. T. Dokken, Albert Myhre and L. S. McKinnon came up from Nome last Saturday evening by auto and returned Sunday. They report the roads in fairly good condition for travel.

Merchant K. S. Ramssett arrived from Fingal Tuesday morning. He stated that while here he would attend the meeting of the Elks and see what he could do to prevent Valley City optimists from annexing Fingal to the county seat.

The county commissioners met in regular session Monday with Commissioners Conlon, Cox, Helmes, Lee and Gudmestad present. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conlon and the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. The board was organized by the election of R. B. Cox as chairman for the ensuing year. The session will probably last until well into next week.

Rev. W. C. Lyon was called to Fargo Sunday afternoon by the serious illness of his father, S. S. Lyon, and left on No. 8 that night, Rev. E. P. Getchell occupying the pulpit at the Congregational church that night. Rev. Lyon's mother and sister are in the west and Mr. Lyon being left alone caused some anxiety, but a card from Rev. Lyon Tuesday states that his father is much better and that he will return home Tuesday evening.

**MARKET REPORT**

Tuesday, Jan. 4.

**Minneapolis Close**

No. 1 Northern—1.21% @ 1.22%; arr. 1.20% @ 1.21%.  
No. 2 Northern—1.17% @ 1.19%.  
No. 3 Northern—1.10% @ 1.15%.  
May Wheat—1.22%.  
July Wheat—1.21%.  
No. 1 Durum—1.17% @ 1.18%; arr. 1.17%.  
No. 2 Durum—1.12% @ 1.15%.  
No. 3 White Oats—42 1/4 @ 42%; arr. 42%.  
Barley—65 @ 70.  
Rye—92 1/2 @ 93 1/2; arr. same.  
Flax—2.18 1/2 @ 2.21; arr. 2.16 1/2 @ 2.19%.

**Duluth Close**

Hard Wheat—1.22%.  
No. 1 Northern—1.21%; arr. same.  
No. 2 Northern—1.18%.  
May Wheat—1.23%.  
July Wheat—1.22%.  
No. 1 Durum—1.19%; arr. same.  
No. 2 Durum—1.16%.  
May Durum—1.20%.  
No. 3 White Oats—42 1/2; arr. same.  
Barley—64 @ 70.  
Rye—93; arr. same.  
Flax—2.20 1/2 @ 2.21; arr. 2.20%.  
May Flax—2.24%.

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**Billy Thoreen**

Main St. Harness and Leather Store  
Valley City, N. D.

H. M. Velzy spent Monday in Montpelier, returning at night and leaving Tuesday morning on No. 3 for Edgeley and Fullerton. The latter place will be the starting point for an insurance campaign which he will wage on the Soo line between there and Drake. He will also work the Plaza branch, returning home in about two weeks.

The case of the state against S. W. Savoy for assault came up before Judge Moe Monday and was continued until next Monday.

Miss Esther E. Hamilton, daughter of the general proprietor of the Valley Hotel, is home from a two weeks' visit in the Twin Cities, where she visited her sister, Elizabeth, who is ill in a hospital there. She was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. Glen P. Mink, of Barnesville, Minn. While in the city she attended the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra concert.

Mrs. W. M. Greenwood and daughter, Miss Ruby, returned Tuesday morning from Chicago, where they attended the national convention of commercial teachers, Mrs. Greenwood being one of the speakers at the assembly. They visited at St. Cloud and the Twin Cities on their way home, reporting lots of illness everywhere and say they are glad to get back to North Dakota.