

# Endorses Burke for Senator, and Platou for Governor

Mandan, Jan. 18.—As evidence of claims that party lines will cut no figure, the Non-Partisan League of North Dakota, composed of a membership of thousands of farmers, will back a democrat and a republican for governor. Such is the statement made today by one of the non-partisan leaders.

United States Treasurer John Burke, for six years governor of North Dakota, is the choice of the non-partisans against Hanna, McCumber and others for United States senator.

Mayor Platou of Valley City, republican and prominent in Barnes county affairs, who is a candidate for governor will also receive the non-partisan backing.

While standpatters, progressives and the democrats are inclined to scoff at the claims that the non-partisan faction will cut much ice in the coming elections investigation has revealed an unusual state of affairs. In this section of the state membership petitions have been in circulation for several weeks and have been generously signed. In one commissioner's district it is an absolute fact that eighty per cent of the farmers have aligned themselves with the non-partisans.

Grangers claim that the workers are doing everything possible to secure the North Dakota State Grange endorsement and while that organization has not given any official recognition, members of the grange are generally lined up.

According to the leader interviewed, and whose name is withheld for obvious reasons, the non-partisan league will not attempt to put a slate into the field but will choose a slate from the candidates offered by other parties.

## Loftus Attends Equity Meeting in Gate City

Fargo, Jan. 18.—George S. Loftus, who, because of the fact that he was given up to die, and for weeks hovered between life and death in a hospital at St. Paul, is looked upon as having been almost raised from the dead, is among the Equity leaders in the city. Loftus has entertained a steady stream of visitors at his room at the Gardner hotel.

### I. O. O. F. NOTICE

Meeting of the I. O. O. F. second degree, Monday, Jan. 24. All members please be present. Seth Lyden, N. G.

# Laymen's Meet Program Has Been Given Out

The general program for the Laymen's Missionary convention has been received. The whole team of speakers will arrive in Fargo at 7:30 a. m., Jan. 26, direct from Minneapolis, and will give exactly the same program here that is given in the twin cities. It is safe to say that not for years will there be as strong a list of speakers offered to an audience in the northwest. Following is the general outline, though there is likely to be several changes, especially in the Sunday program. There will also be one or more women's meetings:

**Wednesday Night, Jan. 26.**  
Dinner. Theme, "The Coming World Democracy." "What Business Has a Businessman in Missions," Morris W. Elnes; "China, an Empire and a Republic," A. R. Kepler; "India's Silent Revolution," Fred B. Fisher; solos, Ernest W. Nafziger.

**Thursday Morning, Jan. 27.**  
Theme: "Christianizing American Life;" "The Life That Wins," Henry H. Kelsey; "Making America Christian," J. O. Randall.

**Thursday Afternoon, Jan. 27.**  
Theme: "Waiting Harvest Fields;" "New Americans for a New America," Bishop Naphtali Luccock; "Who Will Rule Africa Tomorrow?" J. E. Crowther; "Modern Evangelistic Movements in China," A. R. Kepler; "The Mohammedan Peril," James P. McNaughton.

**Thursday Evening, Jan. 27.**  
Theme: "The Challenge of New World Conditions;" service of song, led by Ernest W. Nafziger; "War Experiences in Turkey," James P. McNaughton; "Critical Elements in the Missionary Situation," Hugh L. Burleson.

**Friday Morning, Jan. 28.**  
Theme, "Putting the Church on a War Footing;" "Enlisting and Training," Morris W. Elnes; "The Sinews of War," J. B. Trimble; "The Man at the Front," Herbert Johnson.

## Jamestown Church is Damaged by Fire

Jamestown, Jan. 16.—The handsome new Baptist church was seriously damaged by fire early Saturday morning when fire caught from the furnace room. The building was badly scorched and burned.

Rev. Gilmore lost most of his private library in the study, while other damage was done to the study and the room adjoining used for the storage of church and Sunday school books.

The fire gained considerable headway in the attic in the east end of the building and holes were cut in the roof to get lines of hose directly upon the flames.

The church was used during the week for meetings and Janitor Wheeler went to the church as usual to fire up. He built a hot fire and then went into the parsonage. While in there it is believed the furnace communicated the fire to the building or an electric wire was defected for when Col. Marks across the street, turned in the fire alarm the flames were showing through the roof. Holes were cut through and the fire eventually drowned out, but not before much damage was done to the building and contents by water. The auditorium was damaged by water to an extent that cannot now be determined.

Help was at hand and the piano and other furniture and equipment movable was removed from the building, as well as most of the furniture from the parsonage, situated but a few feet from the burning church. The seats in the church auditorium were fastened to the floor and they could not be removed and may be damaged by water.

Authorities estimate the damage at \$3,000 and considerable time will be necessary to make all repairs. Full insurance was carried. Damage to the basement is light compared to the other portions of the building.

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## Grain and Elevator Rulings of Commission

The following is a synopsis of the recent rulings of the railroad commission, in the matter of grain and elevators. These have never before been published:

In a number of cases where grain dealers have ceased business through sale of elevator, retirement, or in case of fire or insolvency, they have experienced difficulty in calling in outstanding storage tickets, particularly on a rising market, the ticket holders desiring to hold for higher prices. The railroad commission has ruled that a dealer under such circumstances may deposit in the name of the ticket holder in some local bank of good repute the value of the outstanding grain on his storage tickets on the day he quit business and the holder of the ticket is compelled after due notice to accept this price and surrender his ticket, as the commission holds he cannot speculate on the warehouseman's account after the warehouseman has gone out of business. In several instances elevator companies have failed or an elevator has burned and its owner has not resumed business. A question has arisen in such cases as to the date outstanding storage tickets became payable, as that date governs the price to be paid. The railroad commission holds that the date the warehouse was closed or burned shall be the date for redemption of tickets.

Parties have frequently endeavored to inspect the books of elevator companies for one reason or another. The railroad commission has held that such records are private and not open to the public.

Parties holding mortgages on grain warehouses and grain therein have some times attempted, through assignment by mortgagee, to collect the insurance on stored grain. The railroad commission holds that insurance on stored grain in the warehouse, or in transit, is a trust fund for the benefit of the owner of the grain.

According to recent ruling of the railroad commission warehouses cannot charge storage on grain or for elevating it during the first 20 days, if the warehouseman buys the grain. If the grain is redelivered to the holder of storage ticket these charges may be made.

Heretofore the railroad commission has held that where one elevator in a town does not charge storage on stored grain, competitors may follow suit, but in no case can free storage be given one patron and not another. The subject of storage will be made a matter of conference by the railroad commission with the grain dealers of the state in the near future, and a rule will be laid down as to whether or not storage charges shall be made compulsory in all cases. The law is ambiguous on this point.

Section 3112, compiled laws of 1913, prohibits the issuance by grain elevator companies of storage tickets except for grain actually delivered. Frequently banks or others have advanced money on storage tickets issued as security for the loan by the elevator company which did not represent an actual delivery of grain. The railroad commission holds this to be an illegal transaction.

The railroad commission holds it to be unlawful for elevator companies to place on storage tickets any notation modifying the grade fixed or liability incurred.

Special tickets for grain stored in special bins and in different color from the ordinary ticket is permitted by the railroad commission.

Favorable decisions have been made by the courts in cases brought by holders of grain storage tickets against the bond securing same. All ticket holders, however, must unite in the suit. When asked to do so by the ticket holders in cases of bankrupt grain companies, the railroad commission will use its good offices in collecting from the surety free from charge. In this way delays and the expense of costly litigation have been obviated to both parties to the issue during the past two or three years.

The bond furnished the state by elevator companies is supposed to take care of all stored grain received by a company. It frequently happens that the mishap of grain to the elevator makes it necessary to ship out some of all of the stored grain, and a question has arisen to what extent this may be done. The railroad commission takes the view that elevators may ship out stored grain to the amount of the bond, (\$5,000) and no more, and that whenever the stored grain on hand and the amount of the bond fails to equal the amount of all stored grain, additional bonds must be furnished the state.

Stored grain shipped to a commission house having a private claim against the warehouseman cannot be converted, according to the ruling of the railroad commission, to the settlement of such claim to the disadvantage of the owners of the grain and the surety company bonding the elevator company.

According to the North Dakota law, holders of grain storage tickets may receive delivery at any grain terminal, or may demand return of the actual grain. In the later case elevator companies must ship in the grain for delivery if it is not in the warehouse, says the railroad commission.

In the past it has been the practice in many instances, for the railway companies to charge the cost of extending industry tracks to elevator sites granted after the original sidetrack has been built. The railroad commission holds that it is a duty of a railway company to furnish trackage of its own sufficient to take care of its traffic and the industries contributing thereto, and that it would be manifestly unfair to permit a company to furnish trackage free to the elevators on the siding built at an earlier date and to require a new elevator company to pay for the extension of the industry track to be used in caring for general traffic. This ruling is based upon the law of 1890, chapter 189, section 3, which requires every railway to furnish "reasonably sidetrack facilities" for elevators and warehouses upon its right of way. In several instances the railroad commission has secured refund of sums paid for such industry track extensions.

The railroad commission has held that buying grain, "freight off," is not illegal, unless it can be proved it has been done to put a competitor out of business.

In the matter of car distribution the railroad commission rules that empty cars must be delivered to elevators and others according to the amount of grain offered for shipment in good faith. In other words, if one elevator has five times as much grain to offer for shipment on a certain day as another elevator, it is entitled to five times as many cars as the other house, and in general practice of apportioning the cars equally among the various houses, regardless of the amount of grain each of them has to ship, does not come within the commission's interpretation of the law.

Mrs. J. B. Meyer will be hostess on Friday evening at 6 o'clock at a P. E. O. Founders' Day tea at her home on North Fifth avenue.

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Martin Olstad was a guest of Peter Gregerson last Sunday afternoon.

Ole Stevens was in Kathryn last Friday after a load of coal.

Jens Rensby was a visitor at Thoreson's place last Thursday afternoon.

Alfred Anderson was a business visitor in Kathryn last Friday.

G. O. Aas was a visitor with Helge Olson last Friday afternoon.

Mandius Monson was busy a couple of days last week hauling wheat to Kathryn.

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Miss Julia Johnson was visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Anderson a few days last week.

Miss Nina Henrikson did some shopping at Daily last Friday afternoon.

Oscar and Alfred Aas were busy last Thursday hauling home corn.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Hans Hanson was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Christian Bjerke, who is very low and not expected to live.

Bjerke is with her daughter, Mrs. Ernest Bowman, of Valley City.

Henry B. Stark left for St. Paul with a carload of cattle last Tuesday.

James G. Thoreson returned last Tuesday from Fargo. He accompanied his brother, Arthur, to Fargo and saw him properly installed at the Agricultural college where Arthur will attend school the rest of the winter.

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Last Sunday was Sidney Gregerson's birthday.

Miss Inga Monson returned home last week from Valley City after being up these to have some dentist work done.

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The Sheyenne Valley Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. John Saugestad last Thursday afternoon.

Sigvart Bergstedt was busy last week hauling home corn.

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Gunval Monson was a Kathryn shopper one day last week.

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day morning, where they went to spend the day. On their way home they stopped off at Eckelson for a few days' visit with home folks.

The Annual school meeting was held at Frank Potters Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Arnold Zaun called on Mrs. Will Rohde Monday afternoon.

Louise Schafer is at present assisting Mrs. Will Rohde with the work.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dotting, Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Potter, John Vandrovec and Val Potter spent Tuesday evening at Frank Potters.

While hauling ice last Wednesday, Henry Rohde, in some way, slipped and fell in the river, he was rushed to the Charles Dahl farm in great haste, where he was made comfortable with dry clothing. Henry is none the worse for his exposure and is hustling around as fast as ever.

George and Jake Rohde spent Friday with Johnny and Walter Zaun.

Conrad Potter called at the Will Potter home Saturday morning.

Will and Bertha Schafer drove to Valley City Saturday.

J. H. Miller and Will Potter were seen in Rogers Friday.

William Rohde drove to Valley City Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Potter spent Sunday with home folks.

George Schafer spent Sunday with Henry Vogel.

Carl Thiel, George Maresh, Will Schafer, Henry Rohde and Louise Schafer spent Sunday evening at Will Potters.

Anna Dotting, of West Getchell is visiting at the Arnold Zaun home.

William Rohde left Monday evening for Fargo, where he will spend the week on business.

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Dazey Commercial, Jan. 14: Lela Campbell visited at Hannaford Thursday.

Chas. Wiesemann came down from Hannaford Friday evening.

Earl Bustrack was at Cooperstown between trains last Saturday.

C. A. Evenson was at the county seat Tuesday and Friday on business.

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Nettie Olson, Oscar and Alfred Olson and Swen Swenson returned from a visit to Plaza, N. D., Friday.

Mable Everson returned home Wednesday from a holiday visit with relatives in Wisconsin and the Twin Cities.

Gilbert Tangsrud and family of Cooperstown came down Friday evening for a short visit and to take in the leap year dance.

Emmell Hoffman and family returned home Wednesday after having spent the past six weeks in Illinois visiting at the old home.

J. P. Danielson and wife returned to their home at St. John after having spent the holidays with friends and relatives in this vicinity.

Edwin Everson and Alfred Fogderud shipped a car of hogs last Saturday to St. Paul. They will visit in Wisconsin before their return home.

The ladies showed themselves very much wide awake to their additional privileges this year at the leap year dance Friday evening which was well attended.

Mrs. O. C. Anson and children returned to their home south of Dickinson Monday evening after having spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Wallum.

Andrew Wogslund and son, Raymond, were passengers to Fargo Tuesday evening, where Mr. Wogslund will receive treatment for his eyes which have caused him considerable trouble.

After having made a short visit at the home of George Jacobson of Walum, Mrs. Erickson, of Minot, Miss Jacobson and Mrs. Jacobson of Dazey, left Wednesday for Hannaford to visit at the Sad home.

James McCue, who has been employed by Emmell Hoffman, left Thursday evening for New Orleans, where he will resume work with a telephone company. He will stop and visit friends in Minneapolis a few days and then resume his southward journey.

Henrietta Hendrickson of Chicago, who is one of the star characters playing with a traveling show company making this territory, visited at the C. A. Nelson home over Sunday. Miss Hendrickson and Mrs. Nelson are old time friends but have not seen each other in 15 years.

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R. M. Stee went up to Hannaford Tuesday to spend a few days visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Leo Ratcliff and son, Glenn, left Tuesday for Illinois, where they will spend a few weeks visiting with relatives and friends.

Fred A. Stearns was up from Rogers Monday assisting H. E. Olson of the American Gas Co. in installing a new lighting plant in the postoffice and the Commercial office.

The branch train was the latest on Thursday that it has been at any time this winter. It did not go through Dazey until 4:30 p. m. and returned south about 8:30. The delay was caused on account of the main line trains being late as all the through trains are running late these cold days.

This week has developed the coldest weather that North Dakota has experienced for several years. Wednesday the thermometer registered down to 42 degrees below zero and with a strong wind blowing it was the most disagreeable day for a long time. The mail carriers were unable to make their trips and the pipes at the school house were burst in an attempt to keep the building heated and the school had to be dismissed for the balance of the week.

A. J. McInnes was a passenger to Hannaford Friday to look after business matters for the telephone company.

Elmer Anderson went up to Sutton last Saturday to look after some repairing of the telephone lines at that place.

S. O. Tolstad, of Leal, was a visitor in Dazey Tuesday attending the meeting of the stockholders of the Security Bank of Dazey.

### STEWART

Will Potter hauled a load of coal from Sanborn Tuesday.

Mrs. Fred Rohde and Alice Talbert were passengers to Jamestown Fri-