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FIRST TRAGEDY OF THE SEASON

The first fatality of the winter season from skating on the river occurred Saturday afternoon when Kenneth Eckel, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Eckel lost his life when he skated into an air hole and went under never to come up again alive. It seems that Kenneth and some of his boy friends had been skating above the mill dam during the afternoon and after they had been out for some time they got tired of the sport and started for home. Harold Busdicker was with him about the last one but with him when he went under the mill dam. Harold left him near the mill dam and went to his home while Kenneth climbed the south bank on Normal avenue and walked some distance west, still wearing his shoe skates, getting on the ice again somewhere below his home and skated toward the lower dam. He evidently must have skated into a hole or on very thin ice as that was the last seen of him until his body was recovered about 10:30 Sunday morning. The accident must have happened between four and five o'clock Saturday afternoon, and when the boy failed to return after a reasonable time alarm was felt and search immediately instituted to find him. No trace of him could be found by his distracted parents and the rest of the family and neighbors and friends joined in the search assisted by the police. The search was kept up all night and until he was found in six feet of water and his body recovered by means of grapping hooks. The poor boy must have made a fight for his life as he had pulled off his mittens and coat, these being secured before the body. Kenneth was a bright, likable boy, and his untimely end in such a tragic manner is deeply regretted by his many friends and the friends and neighbors of the Eckel family who are so heavily bereaved. There are no words of comfort the editor can say to the bereaved Eckel family that can do much to soften the blow they have received in the death of this loved boy, yet we do most earnestly sympathize with them in this hour of trouble. May they find some solace in the thought that their boy was a good boy and that he has gone to that eternal home only a little ahead of them—life is only a short span at the best—there to await their coming in that celestial home where grief and sorrow shall not be known.

BUTTER PRICES TO STAY HIGH

Bismarck, Nov. 29.—No relief is in sight from the prevailing high prices of butter in the opinion of J. J. Osterhaus, state dairy commissioner, who sees no limit to the soaring prices of the bread spread but the "bright blue sky."

"The people are simply up against the bugaboo trade law of demand and supply," said Mr. Osterhaus today. There is claimed to be a shortage of butter. If there is actually any, it is due to the government's taking over 60 per cent of the butter in storage.

"Under normal conditions the production of butter begins to exceed the natural demand about May 1 and from then on large surpluses are placed in storage for the latter use. About Sept. 1 the storage butter is placed on the market a production falls off, with the result that a fairly even market is maintained."

"Early this fall the war department commandeered 60 per cent of all butter in storage at that time and subsequently most of the remaining 40 per cent has been taken out. Consequently the butter we are getting now is coming almost direct from the churns. In other words we are using fresh instead of storage butter. Whether there is a shortage or not we can depend upon the middleman to take advantage of the situation and manipulate prices while the public pays the bill."

CLASS LESSONS FREE OF CHARGE

The department of music considers it self fortunate to be in position to announce to the public a departure, that should in time prove to be of immense value in the promotion of musical appreciation in our own city and throughout the entire state.

Beginning with the winter term elementary instruction will be offered free of charge to all regular students in the entire school. Classes in violin and piano will be formed and the work will be conducted in such a way as to give the students a good musical foundation, so they will gain a finer appreciation of music and will be capable of starting classes of their own when they go out to teach in rural communities. One need not be a prophet to foretell what this eventually will mean not only to the musical life of the state, but in a more general way, to the people living on the farms and in the smaller towns.

The school owns a number of violins that will be loaned to students, who desire to take up the work, and it is expected that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to get musical instruction without any expense other than that of buying the music incidental to the class work.

FOR SALE—Thirty head high grade Holstein milk cows to pick from. Some fresh, others to freshen by Feb. 1st. Must reduce stock. Short of hay and help. Tuberculin tested. Albert Hollinshead, Oriska, N. D. 5-2td11w

HELP THE CLERKS

Help the clerks! Help yourself! Help business! How? Do your Christmas shopping early, today!

The first Christmas after the war is going to be one of the greatest gift-giving seasons you've ever known.

The stores were ready long ago, with stacks of appropriate gifts for rich and poor, young and old, boy and girl, soldier, sailor and aviator.

The clerks want to give you the best and cheeriest and quickest service of which they are capable. The earlier you come the more time they'll have to devote to helping and pleasing you.

There are only 20 more days left for Christmas shopping, remember. If you're going to shop early, DO TODAY.

If you do your Christmas shopping in the day you'll show a true spirit toward the clerks who face and handle a tremendous amount of business, and who, from expert dread the ordeal of the last few days, last hour rush of thoughtless buyers.

If you do your Christmas shopping early you'll help business by distributing sales over a reasonable period of time in a steady flow.

If you do your Christmas shopping early, you'll help yourself by taking advantage of early choice of large and well assorted stocks of goods and by having time and opportunity to inspect them.

Do your Christmas shopping early today.

A MIGHTY GOOD SUGGESTION

P. R. Trubshaw, Esq., Editor, Times-Record:

Dear Sir: In view of the fact that the fight for civilization and humanity has been won and Peace assured, this seems an opportune time to call the attention of the citizens of Barnes county to the great number of "Boys" who have gone from this county who helped to win this war, and I believe no one will doubt but what the services rendered by them will in many ways be recognized and proper appreciation shown.

I would however suggest and recommend that a suitable bronze tablet be secured upon which should appear the name of every soldier who entered the service from Barnes county in the fight for humanity; as a lasting memorial and tribute, not only to those "Boys" who have made the supreme sacrifice, but to those who have entered the service when called on. The tablet should be erected where it would be easy of access to the public, the court house grounds being a good location, and I believe that no tax payer would object if the county commissioners would appropriate the necessary funds to defray this expense, but if for any reason the commissioners cannot see their way clear to take public funds for this purpose there is no reason to doubt but what the required funds could be raised by popular subscription. It is not too early to start the matter now. Let us do it now.

Yours truly,
W. W. SMITH.

PEARL BAARSTAD DIES SUDDENLY

The hand of death has visited another Valley City home and removed a loved one. This time it is Miss Pearl Baarstad, the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thor Baarstad who died between five and six o'clock this morning after just a few hours sickness. Miss Pearl had the influenza about 6 weeks ago and was apparently all right. Last night she and a friend were at the library and on the way home was taken very sick and died early this morning. The bereaved parents certainly have the sympathy of their friends in this dark hour of sorrow. May they find consolation in the thought that "He who doeth all things well," has only called Pearl to her heavenly home there to await the coming of those who have been left behind.

RIVETING COLLARS ON LEGISLATORS

The signing up of the Nonpartisan league members-elect of the North Dakota legislature to the program dictated by the socialist leaders of the league, already in progress, with A. E. Bowen, Mr. Townley's chief aide within the league, in charge of the work.

Two years ago the Socialists awaited the convening of the legislature before they signed up, but this year it is already apparent that a new plan is being worked out, and that the legislators are being committed in advance to be bound by the league system of handling legislation.

Whether or not the signing up process calls for the continuance of the secret caucus in the coming assembly, is not at this time clear, but reports received from several points in the state where Mr. Bowen has held meetings with the legislators-elect indicate that such is the case.

While Mr. Bowen is the chief in charge of the signing up process, he is being aided by other leaders of the league movement, and it is said to be their aim to cover the whole state within the next two or three weeks.

Estimates place the Nonpartisan strength in the house at about 80, while in the senate the league will have about 35 members, according to the present lineup. Each Nonpartisan supported candidate for the legislature is expected to abide absolutely by the program laid down for them by the league leaders, and there is every indication that the notorious caucus system, by which all legislation is dealt with secretly, will be continued, the Socialists contending that it is necessary to the successful working out of their plans.

Among conferences Mr. Bowen has held so far was one at Hillsboro, where the three house members-elect, Messrs. Strom, Moen and Nevig met with Mr. Bowen. Another similar conference is said to have been held at Jamestown on Wednesday of this week.

There are indications, too, that Mr. Bowen will be on the job at Bismarck again during the coming session of the legislature, either in the capacity of chief clerk of the house, or secretary of the senate. The league leaders expect to place many of their workers on the state payroll during the sessions, thus serving a double purpose—that of relieving their own treasury of the salary roll, and that of maintaining a more efficient league lobby within the legislative organization.—Fargo Forum.

POTATO FLOUR MAY BE USED

Waste or surplus potatoes should be made into starch for potato flour. Starch for sizing can be made from frozen or even from rotten potatoes. A starch factory would eliminate the waste that results from freezing which may be considerable some years, according to Dr. P. F. Trobridge of the North Dakota Agricultural college.

Dr. Trobridge, director of the North Dakota experiment station, who attended the National Potato Growers association convention at Milwaukee reports that a good deal of attention is being given to making potatoes into flour and into starch. It was brought out that bakers can use 6 per cent of potato flour in bread to good advantage. It could take 900 potato flour mills to supply the necessary amount while at present there are but three or four in the United States, he reports Germany had some 300 such factories when the war started, but has now about 3,000 and it was by this means that the food supply was largely solved.

The drying of other vegetables was also considered at this meeting, as well as making these into starch. Factories for converting sweet potatoes into flour are being built in the south.

Factories for making potatoes into starch or flour will help to stabilize the price of potatoes, as when there is a surplus the excess portion can be converted into products that will keep for a considerable time and that are easily transported, it was brought out at the convention.

GOVERNMENT AID IN FINDING TEACHERS

Fifty thousand teachers' places are vacant, and 120,000 persons are teaching this year who have never before taught a class. Several thousand schools have actually closed or have remained unopened because it was impossible for the local trustees to find teachers for them. The lowered standards in many places and the total lack of instruction in others mean a loss to the children of the nation which cannot be replaced.

The shortage of teachers affects nearly every state in the union. Many urgent requests have been made for the assistance of the United States Bureau of Education, for it is clearly impossible for some of the states to man their schools with the teachers available in their own borders.

President Wilson has been moved by this condition. He has directed the establishment in the Bureau of Education of a new division to assist local officers in finding teachers to meet the emergency, and he has written an open letter of appeal to all who are qualified and able to teach, urging them to signify their willingness to do so by registering with the new School Board Service Division of the Bureau of Education, in Washington. Schools seeking teachers will be put in touch with registrants, with the expectation of employment in the regular way. No charge whatever will be made to either the registrants or to the schools for the service.

It is well known that in every community there are women who formerly taught, whose husbands are now in the army or in other branches of the Government service, or whose homes do not demand all their time. Such women are especially needed in the schools now.

High schools all over the country have suffered from the demand for men of scientific training for service in munition plants, the chemical warfare branch of the army, and the like. The shortage of teachers of chemistry and physics is particularly acute. It is pointed out that this shortage might be met in many cases if physicians, pharmacists, and other professional men would take classes in nearby schools for a part of each day.

We notice in the Courier-News of yesterday that Attorney M. J. Engert, of this city, has been appointed treasurer for the State Normal school in this city. Mr. Engert will make a very good treasurer, we think. Attorney Joseph Coghlan, of the firm of Bronson & Coghlan, of Grand Forks, has also been appointed by the board of regents as a member of the state board of accountants. Mr. Bronson, the other partner in this firm is now one of the supreme court judges.

THE PERIODS OF GOVERNMENTAL CONTROL

Few of us can recall off hand what emergency measures looking to the taking over by the government of industrial plants and other agencies deemed necessary for the prosecution of the war, nor for what periods government control or supervision will continue after the war. So the following list of such controls, with their legal duration, taking from The Duluth Herald, will be of interest:

Control of railroads—Twenty-one months "after the war."

Control of telephone and telegraphs—During the war.

Food and fuel control—Until the ending of the war is proclaimed.

War prohibition—From July 1, 1919, until demobilization is completed.

Espionage act—Until the end of the war.

War trade board and export control—Until the end of the war.

War finance corporation—Until six months after the war, with further time for liquidation.

Capital issues committee—Until six months after the war.

Reorganization of government bureaus for war purposes under the Overman act—Until six months after the war.

Alien property custodian—Until the end of the war, with extension of time to complete the work.

Government operation of ships—Until five years after the war.

Aircraft board—Until six months after the war.

Agricultural stimulation—Until "the end of the present emergency."

Housing construction—Until the end of the war, except for shipbuilders.

Labor employment—"During the emergency."

Mineral stimulation—to be ended as soon as possible after proclamation of peace.

All of these measures, therefore, are still in effect and will remain in effect, unless congress shortens the period by amending the laws governing them for months longer.

Speaking about the flu situation in the city it is true that there are many new cases of a light character but so far as we can discover there is not much cause for alarm. A great number of these so-called "flu" cases are in reality nothing more than a severe cold and only need ordinary precaution and care. People themselves can keep well if they will exercise good judgment and not try to get out too quick. The doctors have repeatedly warned against taking chances by persons who have severe colds who persist in going out before they are in shape to do so. This brings on pneumonia and sometimes serious results. Play safe.

AMENDMENTS HAVE NOT CARRIED

Bismarck, Dec. 4.—Secretary of State Hall's official tabulation of official returns from 41 out of 53 counties shows that out of a total vote of 73,059 on the governorship, the debt limit amendment proposed by the Nonpartisan league garnered but 36,096, or 434 less than the required majority. The 12 counties yet missing are not expected to materially change the result.

The total of all votes cast, is materially greater than the vote cast for governor and increases the vote the debt limit and other Nonpartisan amendments must have.

"It is my opinion that all of the league amendments to the constitution have lost by around 800 votes," said Secretary of State Hall today. "With 12 counties missing, the more important amendments are from 400 to 600 votes behind the required majority."

There is no indication as yet of the suit promised by the Nonpartisan league organs to test out the wording of the initiative amendment to the constitution, which requires that amendments proposed by initiative petition must receive a majority of "all the qualified electors voting at such general election." So far as can be learned the attorney general has not been asked for an opinion on this subject.

TOO MANY MEN ON THE COAST

For the first time since the commencement of the big shipbuilding activities there are now more workers than jobs on the Pacific coast, according to advices from the federal director at Seattle, received yesterday by the North Dakota office of the United States employment service.

The federal director states that no more carpenters are needed in the vicinity of Seattle and that a large number of girls and women who came to the coast to work are unable to obtain employment.

Lindley H. Fatten, state director of the employment service for North Dakota, advises that no one go to the coast looking for work without first investigating conditions through the employment service.

"Men in this state stand a better show of getting employment right here at home," Mr. Fatten said. "We can place many men in good-paying farm positions for the winter; also in the mines and on the railroads. We have many calls for men for work in the lumber woods in Minnesota." Mr. Fatten anticipates no shortage of labor in this state for agricultural pursuits next season.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



Let the door of your heart swing wide open and the Christmas spirit enter therein.

We have all of those Christmas things and Christmas gifts you need. Come in and do your Christmas buying before the crushing big crowds come.

Your dollars have big value when you deal with us.

BUY USEFUL GIFTS

COATS—A good warm coat would be appreciated. Be sure to see our two great values—
\$15.00 and \$25.00

WAISTS—New lot of Georgette Crepe Waists just in. We know you will like them they are so different.
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HOSIERY—We have a \$1.25 Fiber Silk Hose we think it the best we have ever had at the price.

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