

## EDITORIAL

If we took advantage of all the opportunities that are offered to us in the field of speculation, we would be a millionaire within a few weeks. This morning we received another alluring offer from a Montana oil company to contribute a little money in stock for which we were assured that in a very short time we would reap such results that we would be immensely rich in a short time. We are getting so many of these chances to win affluence that it is making our head swim, and in order to avoid making any mistake we are turning them all down. We have no very great desire to get rich so suddenly, believing in earning whatever money we can accumulate through the legitimate channels of business. We never took kindly to speculation.

The Courier-News this morning contains a very seductive cartoon picturing a farmer at a typewriter supposedly to be editing that paper and on top of that cartoon it says: "He's on the job himself." Then underneath is a very fervent appeal to the farmers to send in their money to keep the sheet going. Very nice of the crowd they have milked the treasury dry to condescend to turn the paper over to the farmers to finance and liquidate many thousands of dollars of debt. The same thing exists in about all the league newspaper offices—they have been milked dry by a bunch of hangers on and now that the wave of socialism is receding upon the sands of returning sanity they cry aloud to the farmers to take their junk piles and continue on the job at their own expense.

The sixty-seventh congress convened in Washington yesterday and for the first time in many years is overwhelmingly republican in politics. A thousand bills were thrown into the legislative hopper yesterday and many more will doubtless follow. The congress now in session has before it some of the most important legislation in the country's history and the people will now watch with interest to see if the party pledges of last November will be carried out by the dominant party. One of the most important bills before congress is the one introduced by Congressman George M. Young, of this district, known as the emergency tariff bill, which is designed to help out the farmers of the northwest. This is the bill vetoed by President Wilson. Mr. Young is confident that the tariff bill will be acted upon quickly and passed.

President Harding appeared before a joint session of congress yesterday following the custom of his predecessor, and read his message to congress. The document was in our judgment one that will appeal to the American people. His attitude on the German peace problem will meet with the approval of all, excepting those who have leaned to the Wilson one man idea. He wants peace declared with Germany by congressional resolution at once. He has scrapped the league of nations but says this country does not in any way relieve Germany from paying in full its obligations. He favors an association of nations in preference to the present undesirable covenant and which the people turned down so emphatically last November. His stand on this question is in line with the people of the United States. He wants readjustment of internal taxes and revision or repeal of "these taxes which have become unproductive and are so artificial and burdensome as to defeat their own purpose. Instant tariff enactment, "emergency in character and understood by our people that it is for the emergency only," says Harding. Speaking of the railroad question Mr. Harding says he wants efficient operation at a cost within that which the traffic can bear and railway rates and cost of operation must be reduced," the president says. This will meet the hearty approval of the people who are being rouged every day by excessive passenger and freight rates. Mr. Harding's first message to congress is one that taking it all around is very satisfactory indeed, and shows that the executive has a full and keen insight of what the country needs. Now if congress will do its part, things should take on a new lease of life to the benefit of all the people.

### REGISTERING NO SURPRISE

A friend tried to surprise us the other day by quoting Bradstreet's figures that 84 per cent. of the firms that failed in 1920 were non-advertisers. But we didn't astonish worth a cent. What's surprising about the fact that firms that took no pains to let the public know how they could serve it shouldn't have much of a public to serve?

We're only sorry that the other 16 per cent. weren't better advertisers.

### WELCOME TO VALLEY CITY

With the premier camp for tourists in Valley City the coming summer, this city should prove one of the really pleasant spots in the state for tourists to make their headquarters at and spend a few days in and about the city, visiting the many places of natural beauty that abound here. Valley City is known the state over for being one of the most beautiful cities as regards natural scenery and it was well named when some one called it "The City Beautiful." The civic bodies of Valley City are co-operating to have the latch string out to all outsiders this summer, and you can be assured of a royal welcome in Valley City at any time. The Commercial Club is looking after the farmers of Barnes county and for their week-end entertainment have provided Saturday afternoon matinees. Similar entertainments in previous years have proved big successes and proved an excellent source of enjoyment for the country folks. These matinees will be free to country folk only. Other entertainments which the city will enjoy this summer are the annual fair, the Chautauqua, offering one of the best programs obtainable, which will bring some of the big men of the nation here, and also a big Fourth of July celebration. Other minor events will

be held throughout the summer, but these are the most important and goes to show that Valley City will be a place of enjoyment as well as business the coming summer. One's environments naturally has a lot to do with his business dealings, and hence nothing but pleasure will no doubt radiate from the faces of the farmers and business men of Barnes county. Tourists will find the city an ideal place for a week's stop. Plenty of amusement. Plenty of everything. Welcome to Valley City this summer. The latch string hangs out.

### NO BARE FEET FOR WILLIAM

Mr. William Lemke proposes to keep his job and his \$20,000 house if it takes the shoes and stockings off the feet of North Dakota farm children.

His newspaper yesterday morning contained a letter from a North Dakota farmer's wife, stating that she proposed to let her children go barefoot this summer, if necessary, to send money for the recall campaign fund. But Mr. Lemke isn't going barefoot for "the cause." Such sacrifice is left for the privates in the ranks. Mr. Lemke will reside in his \$20,000 state-built house. It isn't included among the "sucked oranges" which have been "turned over to the farmers."

"Summer fallow and fight" isn't intended as the motto. It appears to be: "Get out from under."

But each one of these letters from farmers and farmers' wives pleading cream checks and egg money and carefully hoarded savings, is a little tragedy in itself. Never did political leaders have more devoted followers than these nonpartisan league gangsters and never was this devotion and confidence more basely betrayed. While the leaders live in \$20,000 state-built houses, the members can't get bail warrants cashed even though taxes have been levied and collected for the purpose.

And, by the way, has anybody ever heard of any nonpartisan league leaders buying any state bonds? They have planned a series of meetings in various cities to sell the bonds to the labor men and others who might be interested, but they haven't bought and themselves.—Forum.

## SOUND RECOVERY IN LANDS FORCAST

Unwillingness of Capital to Enter North Dakota Called Speculation Preventive

The unwillingness of capital to enter North Dakota under a socialistic form of government has reacted to the benefit of that state in at least one respect, in that funds were not available for such land speculation as was carried on in Iowa, Nebraska and parts of South Dakota, with the result that North Dakota farm lands today are on a reasonable and stable basis. This was the statement in Minneapolis today of E. F. Fader, supervisor of the new labor survey of the United States department of labor. Mr. Fader reached Minneapolis today following a survey of labor conditions in seven northwestern states.

"While the temporary speculative values of farm lands in some parts of the west have been tumbling rapidly in the last nine months, there has been no such deflation in North Dakota," he said, "because no one would risk funds there at the time when inflation might have resulted. North Dakota lands are down to bed rock today, and they form the basis of a sound recovery when other conditions in the state make forward steps possible."

"One other benefit has come to North Dakota from its recent experience," Mr. Fader said. "The people of that state have learned such a lesson that for the next 10 or 15 years at least there will be little jumbled thinking by its citizens. I believe the state is in for a period of conservatism in both politics and business."

Mr. Fader said that in parts of Iowa, banks hold loans against farm lands that amount to appreciably more than the present selling price. They were made, he said, when land prices were at the peak just before the speculative fever wore itself out.—Minneapolis Journal, March 23, 1921.

## A. D. LANE IS GRANTED DIVORCE

On the front page of the Los Angeles, California, Evening Herald, appears the following interesting news story:

By a decision of Judge Walton J. Wood today, Archie D. Lane, hotel man of this city, was awarded a divorce from Anna E. Lane, wealthy resident of Valley City, N. D., and Long Beach. Mrs. Lane was said to be worth more than \$100,000 in her own name.

The testimony was featured by a statement from the witness stand by Mrs. Lane that her husband had confessed to her in the presence of her sister that he had been indiscreet with another woman.

The sister was in court and was called to the witness stand by Attorney Leland J. Allen, representing the husband, and denied she ever heard such a conversation.

Lane filed the suit, charging desertion, and Mrs. Lane came from her home in the East and stayed at Long Beach while the action was pending. She filed a cross-complaint and attempted to show that her husband was guilty of desertion and that the decree should be awarded to her.

Lane alleged the desertion occurred in North Dakota and he produced a letter he said was written by his wife after he came to California, one passage in which read as follows: "Your letter at hand, and in reply would say I do not want to know your address."

She asked for a decree, an allowance of \$500 a month and attorney's fees, but her plea was denied and the decree awarded to the husband after the testimony had been taken under advisement for several days.

## CLUB DISCUSSES JUVENILE PROBLEM

The Newly organized department of "Social Service" held a most interesting meeting at the City Hall Monday, April 11th. Upon this afternoon Miss Topping addressed a large group of women on recent legislation pertaining to the morale of the state. She has worked unceasingly for a "Juvenile Commission," which will be composed of representatives of various women's organizations throughout the state. This commission will make a careful survey of conditions of women and children and will be invaluable to the state and not only every worker for reform, but to those most needing help.

Another step in advance has been the creating of juvenile officers in each district which may be women or men and women. In other words there will be a woman officer to look after the girls, and a man taking care of the boys' problems.

When it realized that seven other countries take better care of the babies than the United States, and thirteen others better care of mothers and that three-fourths of the children in the United States have physical defects which can be remedied, surely strict legislation is needed in every state and as strict enforcement.

North Dakota will no doubt forge right ahead on better enforcement of all moral laws and the women are going to acquaint themselves more and more with conditions and work for the best possible legislation to relieve the oppressed, and then "vote as they pray."

## FAIR CATALOGS TO BE READY SOON

The catalogs for the Barnes County Fair Association are being rapidly pushed toward completion by the Times Record job department, and it is expected that they will be delivered in a few days. Many changes have been made in the premium lists and a number of new features added.

In an attempt to make the fair the biggest ever put across in Barnes county, Dave Ritchie, president, has attempted to get superintendents of various departments who are vitally interested in their work and who do their best to secure exhibits of the best kind and look after the detail work in connection with the superintending of the various departments.

The committees on livestock and agricultural products are as follows:

Cattle—S. Fletcher, Valley City superintendent.

Gust Adams, Valley City, assistant superintendent.

Horses—W. S. Emery, Valley City superintendent.

Agricultural Products—E. Wicks superintendent.

Hogs—R. A. Jongewaard, Litchville, superintendent.

Sheep—E. E. Lundy, Leal, superintendent.

Poultry—Mrs. Jas. Thoreson, Fingal, superintendent.

Home Department—Mrs. Vernon Gale, Valley City, superintendent.

Mrs. Roy Kernkamp, Valley City assistant superintendent.

Dairy Products—Hilda Lee, Fingal superintendent.

Club Work—Clara L. Larson, Valley City, superintendent.

The superintendents of the various departments, especially the horse cattle and hogs departments, are anxious that the farmers notify them as soon as possible as to the number of cattle, horses or hogs that are to be entered. Indications at the present time are that it will be necessary to construct an additional cattle barn to take care of the entries. If you will send in your entries early the directors of the Fair Association would be able to determine whether or not the building of a new barn will be necessary.

## HOME SWEET HOME IN CITY DUMP

With dead cats and live rats for companionship, refuse eatables from the finest tables in the city for food and piles of rags, sacks and paper places over the grates in the incinerator at the city dump, as a sleeping place, Mike Kreshore violently protested against being removed from his private abode to the city jail at Fargo, when he was arrested Monday night on complaint of the city board of health. Kreshore gave his age as 29 years and declared he liked the board and room fine where he was staying, even though it wasn't as high class as some people called for.

The man had been living in the incinerator since last fall. He refused the invitations of people living near the city dump grounds to come in for his meals and lived in solitary state with his rodent companions. The rats did chase him out from his first sleeping place, he admitted, but he fixed his bed over the grates which were formerly the fireplace and got along nicely.

From pilgrimages over the dump grounds he had collected a large assortment of refuse. When officers discovered him he had supplies for his breakfast on hand. Officers were unable to give names to the variety of foods which he had on hand and none cared to taste the fare but it is quite probable that they were not poisonous as the man is entirely healthy.

Among the things collected by the man were bundles of cancelled checks, articles of wearing apparel, piles of rags and gunny-sacks. He had no money and outside of two jack-knives and a box of tacks had no personal belongings. Had he not been of a quarrelsome disposition and over-willing to get into argu-

ments with drivers of the garbage wagons and others who disturbed the peace of his "paradise." Kreshore might still be sleeping there.

When police questioned him yesterday, offering to let him go if he would promise to stay away from the dump, he replied that he would not stay away. He had lived in dumps before, the novel hermit declared, and found this as comfortable as any.

Kreshore is a native of Austria and has been in this country for several years.

### GETCHELL PRAIRIE

Mrs. Nettie Skidmore returned Sunday from Willmer, Minn., after a week's visit with her mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Holcomb were called to Seattle, Wash., because of the serious illness of Mr. Holcomb's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harper at dinner Sunday.

Miss Martha Deskins left Friday to help Mrs. James Burchill this summer.

Mrs. Will Harper returned from St. Paul Friday.

The Roger family called at the Ervin Bergan home on Sunday.

Our Saviors Aid meets Thursday, April 14. All welcome. Circle No. 1 entertains. Choir at 7:30.

## RED TRAIL TO BE IMPROVED

More than \$4,000,000 will be spent in paving roads on the National Parks Highway (Red Trail) during the coming year, according to G. N. Keniston, of Bismarck, who recently returned from Spokane, Wash., where he attended a meeting of the officers and directors of the National Parks Highway association.

Most of the paving will be done in Washington and Idaho, where big

bond issues have been voted and some in Montana, and in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The trail is one of the most popular trans-continental trails, according to reports made at the meeting. The best available records indicated 6,000 automobiles made the trip between the Twin Cities and the Pacific coast last year. Twenty-eight thousand cars entered Yellowstone Park over the Red Trail, about 60 per cent of which came from the east and 40 per cent from the western coast.

The route of the Red Trail will not be changed. There will be an addition, however, in Idaho, to make three routes in crossing the Cascades.

Mr. Keniston said the trail is now open to the coast, but the roads were muddy between Livingston and Missoula. Crop conditions appear good in Montana, as there was a great deal of snow in the mountains.

Mr. Keniston was re-elected vice-president of the National Parks Highway association. The directors voted to increase the budget 50 per cent to provide funds for more extensive advertising.

## HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE BIG CARNIVAL

On Friday night of this week the High School is going to put on a big Carnival to enable the music contestants to go to Grand Forks and take part in the state music contest. It will be remembered that local musicians carried off most of the honors in the district contest held here a short time ago. If this carnival is a success, it may also benefit the Annual Fund, which, by the way, is another good thing not only for the school but for the city as well.

This is going to be a grand and glorious outburst of fun for everybody. It will be a Carnival in every sense of the word with nothing missing. There will be a wild man from Borneo, and a strong man, Hercules,



HON. R. A. NESTOS

The above is a picture of the gentleman whom the independents nominated at Devils Lake to run against Lynn J. Frazier in the recall election. As we have before stated, Mr. Nestos is a clean-cut, progressive citizen, has already stood for progressive politics and we believe if elected, and his chances are very good indeed, he will make the state a good governor.

the second. And the ballet dancers. Oh Boy! And of course there'll be a lot of candy, popcorn, lemonade and ice cream and those nice juicy hamburgers. But that isn't half of it; you'll have to come and find that out for yourself. And to bring it to a dazzling climax the management has enlisted the aid of a troupe of minstrels, every one a charter member of the Laughmaker's League.

If you want to thoroughly enjoy yourself and at the same time help along a good cause, here is your chance. Take the whole family—everybody wants to get in on it. And when you are in the midst of it all you'll say, "Oh Boy! Ain't it a grand and glorious feeling!"

# SPECIALS

for

## Saturday and Monday

### Wool Plaids

7 pieces in different colors, yd. **\$3.50**

### Crepe de Chines

Light and dark shades, yd. **\$1.69**

### A. B. C. Silk

12 pieces, plain, figured or striped, yd. **59c**

### Wool Batiste

8 pieces, assorted colors, yd. **59c**

### Tissue Gingham

15 pieces, a real bargain, yd. **29c**

### Cotton Crepe

In flesh and white, yd. **19c**

### Curtain Nets

5 pieces, white and ecru, yd. **29c**

### Cretonnes

10 pieces, real values, yd. **39c**

### Ladies Nickers

White and pink, ruffle knee good quality sateen **\$1.75**

### Buccilla Crochet

Cotton Ball **8c**

### Batiste

7 pieces assorted shades, yd. **37c**

### Crash Toweling

Unbleached yd. **21c**

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