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## OBSTACLES ME NOTHING TO STOS

When a man who has been a member of a legislature, states attorney, and prominently interested in library work for a number of years, will cross the Atlantic Ocean in the steerage of a big vessel to help secure the election of a friend as governor of his state, it shows a remarkable interest in politics and the true bent of statesmanship. That is what R. A. Nestos did in the North Dakota campaign of 1920.

The story of this man, himself present governor of North Dakota, after being selected by unanimous vote to make the race by the independent voters of his state, is a romance of perseverance, which begins with his arrival as a boy from Norway at Philadelphia, with assets totaling eighty-five cents in cash, a lunch of hardtack, and a broken butter container from which all his butter had escaped.

Today Governor Nestos is making a name for himself that touches far beyond the bounds of his state by his vigorous and clearheaded policies of administration and his wholehearted support of every measure which will give North Dakota, already the granary of the world, a still greater place in the sun.

Ragnvald A. Nestos was born in Voss, in the mountain regions of Norway, about seventy miles east of the town of Bergen, on April 12th, 1877. In the truly spiritual atmosphere of this home, family devotions were held twice daily. His father was a farmer and a lay-preacher as well, and the boy, one of the older of the ten children, early began his duties on the farm. His summers were spent tending cattle in the mountains near a beautiful lake well stocked with trout, and his duties, herding the cattle, were relieved by frequent fishing and berrying expeditions.

When he arrived in the United States in 1893, he neither spoke nor understood a word of English.

With all the ambition of a boy of sixteen he made light of the fact that eighty-five cents was all the money he had in the world, and gloried in the other fact that he had sufficient hardtack to last him until his arrival in Dakota. He soon got a chance to work in the hay fields for seventy-five cents a day, and before long was harvesting and threshing at wages almost twice as high. With what he earned he paid back the money owed for his ticket, bought some clothes, and got ready for school.

In November he started in the first grade at Buxton, doing chores during the week, and working in his uncle's harness shop on Saturdays. His progress was slow, indeed, until a new superintendent, Professor Irving McDonald, took charge, and through his interest and encouragement he made rapid progress. It was this same professor who, after Nestos had participated in his first debate, told him some day he would do well as a public speaker.

For a short time he worked in Wisconsin lumber camps, and later at Minneapolis, and then returned to Buxton, took the teacher's examination and taught a term of school nearby. He soon entered the normal school, and, alternately teaching and studying, graduated at Mayville in 1900.

Here he came in contact with Joseph Carheart, the president, who proved to be the greatest inspirational source in his life. Professor Carheart, previously of DePauw University, had counted among his pupils and admirers former Senator Beveridge, Attorney Wilkinson of Chicago, who is Judge Landis' successor as federal judge, Professor Moore of the University of Chicago, and Senators James Watson and New of Indiana. It was tough sledding, financially, for Nestos during these years. With three others he joined in renting rooms, and the four boys prepared their own meals during the whole of the school year. The total cost to each of their housekeeping activities averaged \$2 per week.

Then he entered the University of Wisconsin, after filing on a homestead in Pierce county, North Dakota. At Wisconsin his interest in debating grew, and he founded a new literary society. While he was still a student he was offered the appointment as legislative reference librarian of Wisconsin to organize the department, but declined it and the next fall entered the law department of the University of North Dakota. Here again he was prominent in debating.

In the summer he returned to his

childhood home in Norway to visit his mother, besides touring many other countries in Europe. He returned and completed his law work, and upon graduation began practice at Minot, in partnership with C. A. Johnson, who in 1906 and 1908 was the Republican nominee for governor. He became interested in political and civic affairs, and was elected to the legislature in 1910. He was chairman of the Committee on Taxation and member of the board selected for the purpose of trying the impeachment of a district judge.

In 1912 he was elected States Attorney, serving from 1913 until 1916. Here he proved a vigorous disciple of law enforcement, and is today a supporter of the prohibition law. He has always been interested in library work, believing libraries to be instrumental in making education available to all, and he helped to bring the Carnegie Library to Minot, besides acting as president of the State Library Association for three years, and being an ex-officio member of the State Library Commission. He has always been active in Y. M. C. A. work, and for fourteen years has been superintendent of one of the largest Sunday Schools of the Lutheran Church.

He was truly called to office by the people. In 1920 he was a candidate for governor, but was defeated. He worked wholeheartedly in support of his former opponent, and after the election made another trip back to Norway to visit his mother, whom he had not seen for seventeen years.

But another campaign was coming on, and he wanted to support O'Connor to the best of his ability. There was not even a chance to secure first or second class passage to America until after the election, and in his anxiety to help in the campaign he made the trip across via steerage, just as he had done as a penniless boy in 1893. This time it was on the famous Mauretania.

In March last year the independent voters of the state decided to recall the governor, attorney general, and commissioner of agriculture and labor, and Mr. Nestos was chosen by unanimous vote to make the race for the governorship. O'Connor was the anti-league candidate. The long and bitter campaign finally resulted in the election of Governor Nestos, the first man ever elected governor at a recall election. It was surely a victory for Americanism, for he is carrying out to completion the ideals of his state for progress and betterment.—National Magazine.

## CAR SHORTAGE RELIEF IS SEEN

Fargo, Sept. 29.—Relief from what the Fargo Commercial club calls the most critical car shortage in the history of the state, is believed to be coming for North Dakota through the receipt today of a telegram from J. C. Roth, director of service, of the interstate commerce commission, in which he says he is handling the situation and will advise the club of specific action as soon as possible.

Thousands of bushels of potatoes will freeze within the next two weeks and wheat and other small grain threshed and being threshed will be damaged by cold weather unless cars are sent at once to relieve the situation, the commercial club said yesterday in a telegram to Charles McChord, chairman of the interstate commerce commission at Washington, D. C.

The telegram in full follows: "We wish to call attention to the most critical car situation this territory has ever faced. Potato warehouses and grain elevators are plugged with perishable freight (which comes under the head of food for human consumption, service order 25.)

"Thousands of bushels of grain are still being threshed and there is no storage available in local elevators. Potato warehouses are plugged and the crop is only about half dug. Carriers are unable to furnish ordinary boxcars for movement to terminal markets. If relief is not granted, crops will be affected by frost within the next two weeks. Our freight traffic committee prays that relief be granted in way of ordinary boxcars being sent to this territory in time to permit movement of potatoes before crop freezes."

Deputy Sheriff James Milligan, of Fargo, spent the night here last night attending to official business.

Melvin Norgaard, of Cooperstown, arrived in the city last night to attend the winter term at the State Teachers College.



FLORENCE HEDSTRUM MORSBACH  
Teacher of Voice at the State Teachers College

Mrs. Florence Hedstrum Morsbach, who was teacher of voice at the college from 1918 to 1920 and was remarkably successful in her work there, returns to the institution for the coming year after two years of training, most of which was received in Naples, Italy.

Mrs. Morsbach has been studying under Maestro Sebastiani, who is acknowledged to be one of the greatest voice teachers on the continent of Europe. This eminent teacher has trained

and coached many of the great stars and he has made the statement that Mrs. Morsbach is the best exponent of the Italian Bel Canto he has ever produced.

The college is to be congratulated on securing Mrs. Morsbach for the department of voice, and her return to the institution will attract a large number of students who wish voice instruction and want to secure the very best training possible.

## A. C. HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT

With more than 400 students or 30 percent more than last year enrolled during the first day of registration at the North Dakota Agricultural College, indications are that the number of regular students will be double that number by the end of this week, according to A. H. Parrott, registrar. Following registration of students in the industrial and short courses later the total enrollment is expected to be swelled to 1300.

Ceres hall, women's dormitory, has been filled for several days, according to Mrs. G. M. Cole, dean of women, as has also the men's dormitory on the campus. A large number of students who are still employed in various ways, are expected to register several days late.

The new agricultural buildings and the new practice college for home economics and the new practice cottage for home economics students are to be ready for occupancy by January 1. Registration is reported to be above normal in most of the courses which include courses in School of Engineering, Agriculture, Science and Literature, Home Economics, and the course in commerce, Pharmacy, Chemistry and technology, veterinary science.

## MRS. TIERNAN IS TO TAKE VACATION

South Bend, Ind., Sept. 29 — Mrs. Augusta Tiernan is packing today in preparation for a long vacation. Mrs. Tiernan denies that there has been a reconciliation affected between her husband and herself. "Edward stayed by me wonderfully during the trial after I declared that Harry Poulin was the father of my third child. We have been too busy with the case to consider our domestic affairs," she said. "John stayed by me wonderfully during the trial but we have not considered our reconciliation and I am to be in no position to ask him. Something might come up that will bring happiness into our lives again. I am going to go on a long vacation with my children. I will stay at least until the second trial. I do not know whether I will take the three children or only Billie. Prof. Tiernan wants the children to be put in a school in Chicago. I will fight to have them with me as I could not live without them." Mrs. Tiernan said she was not sure of her destination but that it would probably be her mother's home at Bronson, Michigan. Mrs. Tiernan intends to be in court tomorrow when the judge give his decision on the case.

## Our Savings Department

Nothing in our growth is more pleasing to us or more hopeful for the future, considering present conditions, than the

### FIFTY PER CENT (50%) INCREASE

in our Savings Department since one year ago. It shows that in spite of the present depression in the industry of agriculture, our only industry worth mentioning, it is possible to save, and that people are saving.

We are glad to note and pleased to encourage the commendable habit of saving, and pleased also to assist and advise in the matter of selecting sound investments.

We pay 5% in our Savings Department, compounded quarterly.

## Bank of Valley City

Effective October 1st, fifty-eight passenger trains will have been restored to service by the Northern Pacific Railway since the first day of shopcraft strike, it was announced today by Mr. A. B. Smith, Passenger Traffic Manager. "Material additions to our forces have made possible the restoration of Northern Pacific trains over the entire system," said Mr. Smith today. "We are having little difficulty now in operating trains up to the standard which the company demands. Mr. Smith announced that trains Nos. 289 and 290, serving the country between Helena and Garrison, Montana were put in service on September 25th. On October 1st, numbers 71 and 72, between Duluth and Cloquet, Minnesota, will again operate, restoring all of the connections between Cloquet and Carlton, Minnesota, with Northern Pacific trains on the Duluth-Minneapolis and Duluth-Staples lines. The branch line service between Fond Du Lac and Duluth of four trains each way daily is also reinstated. Trains number 223 and 224 between Butte and Logan, between the Butte connections for transcontinental trains number 3 and 4, will be restored to service on October 1. On the same date numbers 593 and 594 on the South Bend Branch in Washington will be restored. The full winter suburban schedule from the Twin Cities to White Bear and other lake points takes effect, all these trains being operated as usual.

## COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Last evening the members of the Country Club held their first member meeting in the new club house. There was a good crowd out for the evening and business matters of interest to the members were discussed.

During the evening presentation of the year's trophies were made to the winners. Major D. S. Ritchie, with suitable talks, presented Mrs. Walter Coop with the Marquisee Cup which she won in the ladies competition. This cup becomes Mrs. Coop's permanent property. Major Ritchie also designated Geo. B. Caley as the Club Cup winner and gave the cup into his keeping for the coming year. This cup does not become the property of the winner but is merely given into his keeping for the year or until it is won by someone else. The presentation of the President's Cup was made by J. J. Earley, who donated the cup, to O. L. Short, the winner of the competition. Mr. Short becomes the permanent owner of this trophy.

Major Ritchie presented J. J. Earley with the prize of a dozen golf balls in the ringer contest, Mr. Earley having made thirty two holes below par in match play during the year.

Following the presentation of the trophies McFarland's Orchestra furnished the music for a dancing party. At twelve o'clock Caterer Boline served a delightful luncheon to the assembled members.

## BIG DELEGATION TO DAIRY SHOW

One hundred percent representation by North Dakota counties at the National Dairy Show at St. Paul, Oct. 7 to 14, and a state delegation of 2500 farmers and business men is now practically assured, according to extension specialists of the North Dakota Agricultural College, who are cooperating with business men and farmer groups of the state to triple last year's representation of 800.

Pullman cars and auto tours are being arranged by a large number of the according to officials. The counties which have made definite arrangements are Nelson, Steele, Ramsey, Grand Forks, Hettinger, Sargent and Dickey. Other counties have arranged for meetings this week. Richland county will send a delegation by auto, the Mandan commercial club will send the Nut quartet which accompanied the state's delegation last year, and Morton county bankers will send the Mandan band. Every banker in the county of Barnes will send a farmer to the show who will report to the farmers of the county upon his return from the show.

Thirty farmers, farm women, and business men of Cass county met in Fargo this week under the direction of William Guy, county agent, and following a luncheon and a meeting at the Commercial club at which S. N. McCabe, Forest Henry of the National Dairy Show, E. A. Willson, college extension division, and G. W. Randlett, director of the Extension Division, spoke.

Decisions of the railroads to grant

## STATE W. C. T. U. DEMANDS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Resolutions passed by the North Dakota W. C. T. U. at its annual convention which closed in Fargo condemn the laxity in enforcement of the Volstead act "in some of our courts," urges a change in the parole and probation laws to apply only to first offenders, deprecates the "demoralizing influence of the traveling carnival," urges the teaching of total abstinence in schools and colleges and indorses the Fess-Capper physical educational bill before congress.

Following are the resolutions: "Assembled in the 33rd annual convention of the North Dakota Women's Christian Temperance union, held in Fargo, we gratefully acknowledge the guidance of our divine leader, and again pledge to him our loyalty and service.

"We believe that the golden rule of Christ must be worked out in the customs of society and the laws of our country. To this end, we ask the help of all Christian men and women.

"We pledge our earnest endeavor to secure our quota in the jubilee membership drive.

**Total Abstinence**  
"As it has been scientifically demonstrated that alcohol is a poison, we emphasize anew the necessity of total abstinence for the individual and the great need of arousing the public to the fact that alcohol homebrew is a poison.

"That we urge the teaching of total abstinence in schools and colleges, encouraging essay contests and cooperation with the teachers in observing the third Friday in January as temperance day in the schools.

**Law Enforcement**  
"We deprecate the laxity with which penalties for offences against the Volstead act are administered in some of our courts. We commend our federal officers for their efforts for the enforcement of the law.

"We also commend the action of the attorney general and other officials in their efforts to close the public dance halls on Sunday.

"Whereas, we believe the parole and prohibition laws as administered do not accomplish the purpose for which the laws are designed but weaken respect for law and the administration of justice,

"Therefore, resolved, that we favor the modification of these laws to apply to first offenders only.

"We deplore the demoralizing influence of traveling carnivals and urge legislation to regulate or prohibit them.

**Physical Education Bill**  
"Believing every child should have the opportunity for adequate physical education and health trainings, we endorse the Fess-Capper physical education bill, which has been before the 67th congress.

"The Woman's Christian Temperance union, from its organization, has stood for peace. We rejoice in the results of the disarmament conference and trust our country will follow this with other steps toward world peace."

## DAIRY FARMERS TO MEET ON FRIDAY

An effort is being made to secure a delegation of representative farmers interested in dairying to attend the National Dairy Show to be held at St. Paul, October 7 to 14. Representatives will probably go from nearly every community of the county and on their return will, thru meetings, report to the other farmers what they saw and heard at the Dairy Show.

A meeting of business men and farmers interested in dairying will be held at the City Hall at Valley City on Friday, September 29th, at 7:30. At this time, Mr. Forest Henry, an actual dairy farmer of Minnesota, will be present to discuss what dairying has meant to a number of counties in Minnesota and to assist the committee in making further plans for securing delegations to the National Dairy Show.

County Agent T. X. Calnan, who is arranging for meetings at Valley City and Nome on the 29th states that Mr. Henry is a very able and capable speaker, has been successful in the dairy game, and that would be of particular interest for all farmers who are milkin' cows to attend this meeting.

A. A. Bardu, of Dazey, is a business visitor in the city today.