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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1914.

A LOSS TO THE COUNTY.

The removal of O. D. Center from Grand Forks county and from the work which he has so successfully conducted as the agent of the Better Farming association will be a distinct loss to the entire county, and one which will be keenly felt.

As he explained very clearly at the dinner given in his honor at the Commercial club, he sought, in undertaking his work, to aid in bridging the gap between the organized work being done by the agricultural college and the other government agencies and the man on the farm, a gap which had not been efficiently bridged until the Better Farming work was begun.

Mr. Center has brought to the farmers of the county valuable information. Any man could have done that, provided he had the information and the schools and the books are full of information. But he has done more. He has come among the people of this county, not as a taskmaster or an instructor, but as a sympathetic and helpful fellow worker, a man possessed of information, and glad to impart it; seeking information and eager to receive it; and, because of his sympathy, his simplicity, his enthusiasm and his whole-heartedness, a man whose presence was an inspiration.

Mr. Center has achieved wonderful things in the contribution which he has made to the material progress of Grand Forks county. He has aided our people to the production of more corn, more alfalfa, more hogs and cattle, in the building of better buildings, in the grading of low lands, and in a score of other ways whose results are to be seen everywhere throughout the county. But more and better than all this, he has sown the seeds of new ideals, and such a work is permanent.

The reception given to Mr. Center at the Commercial club was a demonstration of the esteem in which he is held by the people of the county. In the gathering were not only members of the club from the city who would attend without inconvenience, but practical farmers from all parts of the county who were glad to testify by their presence and their words their friendship for Mr. Center, their regret that he was soon to leave the county, and their earnest wish for his continued success and happiness.

All who have known Mr. Center will regret his absence from the city. All who have been in any measure familiar with his work will regret that it is not to be continued without interruption under his personal supervision. But it is a mistake to say that the work will stop. Whether or not steps are taken to raise in some other manner the funds which the county commissioners unfortunately failed to appropriate for this work, and to continue it with some other agent in the field, the work which has been done has taken root, and it will continue to grow. Such a work does not die.

THE MILL TAX CUT.

It is difficult to understand on what theory the state board of equalization proceeded when it undertook to reduce by one-third the tax levied by the legislature for the support of state educational institutions. In view of the action of the board and the far-reaching effect which it may have, a brief summary of the conditions under which the mill tax has been levied may aid some readers in recalling facts which many may have forgotten.

Prior to the year 1899 all the money for the maintenance of all the state educational institutions, as well as that for building and other permanent improvements, except such sums as were derived from the rental of the endowment lands of each institution and interest from the invested permanent funds of the institution, came in the form of direct appropriations made by the legislature from year to year. The legislature of 1899 made a standing appropriation for the maintenance of the University of North Dakota of two-fifths of one mill on the assessed valuation of all property in the state. This appropriation, by the terms of the act providing for it, was to continue from year to year.

In the opinion of subsequent legislatures this method of raising the major part of the funds for the maintenance of the educational institutions was preferable to the former plan of lump appropriations made by each legislature, and similar provision, in varying amounts, was made for the maintenance of the agricultural college, the normals, the school of science and the school of forestry. In short, all the state institutions whose work of strictly educational rather than corrective, disciplinary or charitable. The tax levied in this form now amounts to one and one-eighth mills, and this is divided among the institutions in proportion to what the legislature has believed to be their needs.

The institutions, having been created, are to be maintained. To maintain and operate these institutions according to a certain standard of efficiency certain sums of money are required. The legislature has fixed, or caused to be fixed, the standard, and has sought to arrange for income on that basis. It is obvious that money raised in the manner above set forth need not be raised in any other manner. If the legislature had desired the maintenance of the standards which it has caused to be fixed, and had not arranged for the raising of funds by means of this mill tax, it would have been necessary to raise it in some other manner, namely, by the direct appropriation of a lump sum at each session for each institution, and the legislature's experience with this plan has led it to prefer the mill tax as simpler and more stable, and as avoiding, in large measure, competition at each session among the institutions for maintenance levies.

Thus far the levy has been made as provided. At the August meeting of the board of equalization, however, that board saw fit to reduce the educational maintenance tax from one and one-eighth mills to a fraction over .75 of a mill. The apparent purpose of the board was to bring the total tax levy down to four mills, the constitutional limit, the board evidently subscribing to the theory that the specific appropriations made by the legislature are legal, so long as the total does not exceed four mills, and that all mill taxes of fractional mill taxes are illegal in so far as they cause the total tax to exceed the constitutional four mills.

The constitutionality of the mill taxes has been a mooted question for years, and it will take a court decision to settle the point. The action of the equalization board, however, raises another question, namely, as to the authority of the board to discriminate between appropriations levied by the legislature, and to declare parts of certain appropriations legal and other parts illegal.

If the action of the board stands, there will be a shrinkage in the anticipated returns from all the special mill taxes, and the educational appropriations especially will be embarrassed by the cutting off of one-third of their anticipated revenue. It is understood that the heads of the various institutions were not consulted in the matter or notified of the action taken, and they are now obliged, at the beginning of the school year, to decide, if the action of the board stands, what course to pursue with their anticipated revenues diminished by one-third. The reduction in university maintenance funds will be from \$102,000 to \$70,000. A proportionate cut in income of the other institutions. The total reduction, as it affects the schools is from \$251,000 to \$238,000, in round numbers.

MEXICO AGAIN.

For some time the people of the United States have almost forgotten that there is such a country as Mexico, or that there are such men as Carranza and Villa. While Mexico is our nearest neighbor, events of so much greater magnitude have been transpiring elsewhere that we have lost sight of what has been going on across our southern border, or, if we have glanced at the occasional dispatches from there, we have treated the whole subject with indifference.

There are developments in Mexico just now, however, which have revived American interest, and the situation there is anything but reassuring. The renewed breaking out of hostilities in Mexico will be matter for serious concern in this country. It has been hoped that improvement could be reached without the intervention of the United States. The desire for such a settlement will continue, but the situation is much less hopeful than it was. And, with the example of Europe before us, we certainly do not want to go to war with any one.

Doesn't Care to Assume Risk.

"Papa," queried the minister's small son, "is it true that we must be born again before we can go to heaven?" "So the Scriptures teach us, my boy," was the reply. "I don't want to be born again," said the little fellow. "I'm afraid I might be born a girl the next time."

Adjustment.

That bathing suit is nifty stuff. Andy brings a smile. It shrinks each season just enough to be in style.

IN OUR SCHOOL

FRIDAY.

War Noat: Nothing doing, everything being so pleasant we are a little afraid Miss Palmer ain't feeling so good.

SINGING LESSON.

When singing started this morning Miss Palmer sed, "Beginning rite now we will have understood they are to be no excesses like last year about sour throats or anything. Everybody is to sing, so we will start rite, & if anybody doant do the best they can I will have a little instrument that will make them mebbe, mencing the rattan. So now let us



Then She Saw it Was Francis.

talk books & sing that pritty song. "Oh how I luv my school!" Begin! Wan, 2 2!" We are not usually worried by noises, but the things which happened there was pritty bad, especially Andy Anderson, he being over with the fenners but his voice sounding like it was down in the seller. Miss Palmer stopped & sed what was the matter, & Andy sed, "Please, Miss Palmer, it is because my voice is changing. I think it would be a good idee to give me 2 or 3 diffrent books, & when I felt it cumming on base I could sing base; then when it cum on suddly I could sing I could sing that part, & so on." Miss Palmer sed that sounded gwite good & she would think it over but in the meantime Andy could keep still. So they started agin & this time they was the most horribel screaming you ever herd. Miss Palmer put her fingers in her ears & sed,

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VALUES UP TO \$35 TO SELL AT \$10.00

For today our Bargain Basement offers one of the best suit values of the season. We still have a good assortment to choose from in these—last winter's suits, styles that are good this season and are made up of heavy serges, chevots, bayadere cloths, mixtures, etc., in blues, browns, wine, green and grays, in nearly all sizes.

To close out every suit in the lot, we offer these values up to \$35.00, at each, \$10.00

Unexcelled Shoe Specials

Just received, one lot of Ladies Vici Kid patent tip, button shoes, sizes ranging from 3 to 8. Your choice at per pair... \$1.79

Your choice of one lot of Girls Gun Metal Button Shoes, sizes ranging from 12 to 2. A fine school shoe, to sell at per pair... \$1.69

Also one lot of Ladies Gun Metal and Vici Kid patent tip, button shoes, at per pair... \$1.98

One lot of Girls Vici Kid patent tip button shoes, sizes from 8 1/2 to 12, for today at per pair... \$1.39

A Boys School Shoe that can't be beat, in Gun Metal, Blucher and Button styles, sizes from 8 1/2 to 13, at per pair... \$1.29

Larger sized boys shoes, in Gun Metal Button and Blucher styles, sizes from 2 1/2 to 6, at per pair \$1.69 and... \$1.59

BULL MOOSE IS SUED OF PAPER

Advertising Bill in Dispute in Action Launched in Fargo Court.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 25.—Suits was started yesterday in the court of Judge Miller against the progressive state committee, the progressive organization committee, H. R. Turner, Ole Engen, A. Y. More, national committeeman of the progressive party, H. H. Aaker, C. G. Boise, H. H. Landers and other members of the progressive party to collect \$101 for advertising run in the Courier-News during November, 1913.

George F. Paul, president of the party and an organization committee was appointed. This committee elected H. R. Turner president, H. H. Landers treasurer, and C. G. Boise secretary.

On or about November 6 H. R. Turner, the complaint alleges, ordered on behalf of the progressive party an advertisement to be run in the Courier-News on November 3, 10 and 17. This advertisement was an appeal to the believers in the principles of the party to send in their names on an attached coupon for enrollment in the ranks of the party workers.

The plaintiff alleges that the said advertisements were run on the order of H. R. Turner, president of the organization committee on the days and dates scheduled. Bills were rendered at the agreed price of \$125 to the committee but no payment was made until February 28 when a check for \$25 was given to the plaintiff by H. R. Turner.

It is alleged that repeated demands have been made at regular times on the committee and individuals for the balance due but no attention has been paid to these demands and no further payments have been made. The plaintiff accordingly asks judgment against the defendants severally and collectively for the amount of the bill and accrued interest.

The case will be called at 10 o'clock Monday morning before Judge Miller.

SPEARED BY FORK

Arengard Farmer Dies of Injuries from Fatal Jump.

Arengard, N. D., Sept. 25.—Jumping from the top of a separator and landing on the handle of a pitchfork, which penetrated his abdomen, proved fatal to Nicholas Kloitz. He was a homesteader near here and was mending the separator. He died a few hours afterwards.

STRAW EXPERIMENTS

Commercial Value of Product Being Tested by Government Expert.

Bismarck, N. D., Sept. 25.—Jason L. Merrill, government agent, has been in North Dakota investigating the value of flax straw for manufacturing purposes, especially in the paper trade. He has been going over the situation with Governor L. B. Hanna who, three years ago, introduced a bill in congress providing for investigations and experiments in ascertaining the value of flax straw. Millions of tons of flax straw are destroyed each year in the state. Now that the European nations are engaged in war, the department of agricul-

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NO WATER FOUND

Deep Well Boring at Max Fails to Produce Results.

Max, N. D., Sept. 25.—Boring a hole more than 2,400 feet into the ground and below sea level has failed to secure a water supply at this point for the Soo road. The local operators are discouraged over the situation. It is probable that an attempt will be made at Ryder, under which it is claimed there is a big vein of fine water. The company wished to secure an inexhaustible supply for its trains in this section.

SCHOOL OPENS

Several New Faculty Members at Wahpeton Institution.

Wahpeton, N. D., Sept. 25.—Some new faculty members reported for duty at the opening of the North Dakota School of Science here today. G. C. Morehart of Sydney, Mont., takes the place of Prof. C. E. MacMahon, who has been granted a year's leave of absence. Mr. Morehart is a graduate of the University of Ohio.

George F. Paul of Chicago, a graduate of the University of Michigan, is another of the new members. He takes up work in the English department.

HOLD ON TO OATS

Grain Eight Years Old Just Sold by Ryder Farmers.

Ryder, N. D., Sept. 25.—Selling oats that were eight and three years old, Farmer and Torgler Kolden have established a new record for this part of the state. They live in the Roseglen neighborhood on the Berthold reservation and had kept the oats because of the long haul to market, but the recent high price induced them to sell the oats. It is an unusual event for grain to be sold that is more than two years old. The oats were in splendid condition.

BRAKEMAN SHOT

Hoboes Shoot Railroad Man on Train Near Dilworth.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 25.—Charles Eilen, a Northern Pacific brakeman, was shot in the breast and back last night by hoboes in the yards at Dilworth, three miles east of Fargo. Eilen was attempting to put the men off his train. He is in St. Luke's hospital and may recover. Several arrests have been made at Moorhead.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, County of Grand Forks, ss.—In Court Court, In the Matter of the Estate of John Groff, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given by John M. Shannon, Administrator of the estate of John Groff, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to present them, with necessary vouchers, to the said John M. Shannon, at Grand Forks, N. D., within four months after the first publication of this notice. Dated August 28th, A. D. 1914. JOHN M. SHANNON, Administrator. First publication, September 4, 1914. (September 4-11-18-25, 1914.)

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