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### SEEKING EVIDENCE BY STOMACH PUMP

#### Wine Has Disappeared and the Morton Officials are Somewhat Puzzled.

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 24.—Asserting that some of 96 barrels of claret wine, seized in a recent raid at Hebron have been tampered with, and that the 4,850 gallons being held as "evidence" by the county has disappeared. Assistant State's Attorney William Langer has issued warrants of arrest for three men.

At the hearing held here when claimants to the wine were cited to appear and "show cause why it should not be destroyed," Judge H. L. Henke ordered all destroyed on January 11 with the exception of one barrel. This was ordered returned to one of the witnesses on a technical point. When the witness went after his wine, stored with other barrels in the cellar of the Morton county court house, the liquor had been drawn from the barrel. County officials and employees of the sheriff's office, disclaim any knowledge of the affair and are at a loss to explain the theft.

### TWO COMMISSIONERS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 24.—Governor Hanna yesterday appointed State Engineer J. W. Bliss and A. F. Nohle of Buford as members of the irrigation commission. This commission comprises the states of Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and a part of Idaho. The governor of each state appoints the state engineer and one citizen of the state on the commission and they will look after the irrigation interests of their district. The office does not carry any pay nor expense account, but each governor has made it point to appoint someone interested in the work. Mr. Nohle is located at Buford and has always been interested in the Buford-Trenton project since it was started a number of years ago.

#### HE STRUCK WATER.

Noonan Man Has to Hurry From Well to Avoid Being Drowned.  
Noonan, N. D., Dec. 24.—Wm. Fenster, one of the prominent farmers from south of town, reports a rather peculiar incident while digging a well on his farm a short time ago. The work was being done by hand, and a depth of about eight feet had been reached when water was struck. As soon as the vein was struck, it was necessary to get out of the well at once or get wet, the water started coming in so fast. Instead of raising a few feet, as under ordinary circumstances, the water continued to rise until the surface was reached and since then has been flowing over the surface of the ground.

### NEW YORK SOCIETY GIRLS SEND WARM WINTER CLOTHING TO FRENCH FIGHTERS



Packing kits for French soldiers in the Vanderbilt hotel.

The Vanderbilt hotel in New York city is the scene of unusual activity these days. Pretty society belles and equally charming society matrons whose names are to be found in the local registers and blue books are busily engaged in making up kits containing woolen gloves, woolen socks, woolen underwear, heavy mufflers, handkerchiefs, abdominal belts and soap. These kits, gotten up at an expense of two dollars each, are being sent to French soldiers in the trenches.

### PASSED WORTHLESS CHECKS IS CHARGE

Reeder, N. D., Dec. 24.—A man claiming to be W. E. Wall but later found to be W. E. Hays of Ralph, S. D., struck town, did a big day's business with Hettinger merchants, issued checks freely—in fact too freely—and as a result is now in the Adams county jail. He claimed to be a sheep man from the south country and in the morning he started out by depositing \$50 in money and a worthless check for \$40 at the First National bank. Then he proceeded on his shopping tour, buying small amounts of goods at probably two-thirds of the business places on Main street. In payment he gave checks for from \$10 to \$35, receiving cash for the difference between the amount of goods bought and the amount of the check in each instance. In this manner he drew checks aggregating nearly \$200. After concluding his shopping he left town and then the men he had dealt with found that most of their checks were worthless. The authorities were put on his trail and they found him near Ralph. He was arraigned before Justice C. E. Thomas and waiving preliminary examination, was held to the district court. His bail was fixed at \$300 which he has not furnished.

### PLANS MADE FOR INAUGURAL BALL

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 24.—The board of trustees of public property of the state of North Dakota is going to leave no stone unturned in an effort to make the capitol building perfectly safe for the approaching session of the legislature. In view of the fact that one of the first big gatherings in the building after the first of the year will be the inaugural ball, the board held a meeting yesterday and ordered some changes made immediately. Swinging doors will be placed in the front entrance so there could be no congestion there should a panic start. The east door on the second floor which was bricked up last summer will be opened and a stairway leading to the ground put in. All the fire hose about the building will be given a severe test and a number of fire escapes placed on the second and third floors. A number of extra supporting posts will be put in under the house chamber gallery and a test made to ascertain whether or not the senate gallery is safe to be used.

### CHRISTMAS RUSH AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 24.—There are board meetings galore about the building during these last days of the year. Everyone is planning on getting all their work cleaned up before the close of the year that they may be ready for the session when it opens. Many of the heads of departments are getting ready to leave town for their Christmas holiday and there will be little doing in any of the offices after next Monday as those who go home will probably not return until the first of the week.

### PRICE RESIDENTS WANT POST OFFICE

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 24.—Officials in the state house today received requests from the residents of Price asking for their influence with the powers that be at Washington looking towards the establishment of a postoffice at Price. The Bismarck-Stanton train now carries mail daily and it is felt that the little village needs service, in fact as good service as is enjoyed by any town in the state.

### WERNER BANK MAY CHANGE IT'S NAME

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 24.—At a recent meeting of the state banking board permission was given the First State bank of Werner to change the name to State bank. There was no change in the officers nor in the capital stock. Werner is one of the new towns on the N. P. extension west of Stanton.

### TO BEGIN WORK ON NEW POST OFFICE

Mandan, N. D., Dec. 24.—Work on the erection of the new \$50,000 post-office for Mandan will start within the next three weeks. The George W. Stiles Construction company of Chicago, to whom was given the contract by the government, has asked for bids for excavating, and will begin work on January 15.

### WE WISH YOU A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

The Pantorium

### ADMITS STEALING GRAIN; SURRENDERS

#### Willow City, N. D., Man Walks into Sheriff's office at Bemidji.

Bemidji, Minn., Dec. 24.—Conscience-stricken, and desiring to return to his wife and little child, Chas Gunn, who lives eleven miles from Willow City, N. D., wandered into the office of Sheriff Johnson and asked that he might be placed in jail, admitting that he stole a wagonload of wheat at Willow City, December 2, later selling it at Bantry.

On being admitted to the sheriff's office, Gunn said:

"I wish you would arrest me."

"What for?"

"I am the man who is wanted in North Dakota for the stealing of a load of wheat," answered Gunn, his eyes filling with tears.

Gunn cried while repeating his story to the sheriff, and said that he wanted to return home and tell the whole story. He told of how he and Lewis Anderson, who is still at large, stole the wheat, selling it for \$43.20, dividing the "spoils."

Sheriff Johnson telephoned to Sheriff S. O. Sampson of Tower, McHenry county, of the confession. The sheriff wired to hold Gunn. He arrived here early Monday, returning on the next train with his prisoner.

Gunn had walked forty miles Saturday in reaching Bemidji, being without a cent when he arrived here. Willow City is 350 miles from Bemidji.

### MERCER COUNTY HOGS INCREASE

Stanton, N. D., Dec. 24.—"Slick steers, fat hogs and big cornfields," is the slogan adopted by the farmers and merchants of Mercer county. Real estate men who have been through the country make the assertion that the number of cattle and hogs and the corn planting will be doubled in this county in the next year.

### MARMARTH BANK STOCK IS SOLD

Marmarth, N. D., Dec. 24.—Former State Senator J. E. Phelan, and one of the biggest capitalists of southwestern North Dakota, has closed a deal whereby he has disposed of all of his stock in the First National bank of Marmarth, the St. Charles hotel, and various other property here, to C. P. Allison and Frank DeKleinhaus for \$65,000.

The former assumes the presidency of the First National bank and the latter the vice presidency.

### NEW AGENT NOW AT STANDING ROCK

Fort Yates, Dec. 24.—C. C. Covey, former agent at the Ute reservation in Idaho, arrived here yesterday and is now in charge of the Standing Rock reservation. He was appointed to the local office two weeks ago by the U. S. Department of Indian affairs. The retiring superintendent, A. H. Kneale, has been promoted to the Uintah and Ouray agency in Utah.

### TAYLOR MAN MAKES NEW SHOCK MACHINE

Taylor, N. D., Dec. 24.—That he has succeeded in inventing a machine that will allow the farmers to cut down the number of harvest hands, is the assertion of friends of Erland Paulson of this city. He has perfected a machine that will shock bundles from the reaper, thus doing away with the help formerly needed to follow the reapers.

### BEER FOR HEALTH.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 24.—F. L. Gordon, according to his own testimony, drank three cases of beer and liquor which, by express bills, aggregated 243 pounds, between October 8 and December 29 last year "for his health."

### GRANARY DESTROYED.

Grafton, N. D., Dec. 24.—Tuesday night the granary on the farm of Andrew Prodzinski, in Putnam township, was destroyed by fire, together with 800 bushels of grain and a new Ford automobile. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Prodzinski had been to the Forks with other members of his family in the auto that day and had returned in the evening and placed the family in its stall in the granary. The family was taken to a neighbor's to spend the evening. Returning about 2 o'clock, they saw the granary all ablaze, and it and its contents were entirely consumed. There was a little insurance on the building, but nothing on the contents. The auto was a new one, being purchased last fall.

### NEW BRICK GARAGE.

Wild Rose, N. D., Dec. 24.—The contract is set for the first brick building to be built in Wild Rose. Contractor Heath reports that his firm has the contract for building a brick garage for Jonathan Winkler, at the corner south of Bergsten's hardware store. The size of the building will be 45x60 feet. The building will have a ten foot ceiling and a concrete floor.

### BOYS' SHORT CLASS.

President of Ward Co. Better Farming Association Plans One.  
Minot, N. D., Dec. 24.—A boys' short course will be conducted by President W. A. Peck of the Ward County Better Farming association in connection with the Minot Mid-Winter fair, to be held January 25 to 30, inclusive. Corn raising, wheat raising and hog raising contests between the boys will be the features of the fair, and some special prizes will be given to the winners. Several important farming propositions will be submitted to the boys to be put into practice next summer.

TENDER BANQUET.  
Minot, N. D., Dec. 24.—The Builders' and Traders' Exchange of Minot will give a banquet on the evening of Dec. 30 at the Leland hotel. At this banquet matters of great interest to the builders of this section of the country will be taken up and discussed. A number of senators and members of the legislature have been invited to attend this feast.

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