

News of North Dakota

WILLISTON HAS MUCH BUILDING

New Record is Set in City History—\$100,000 Worth of New Structures.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—Buildings valued at more than \$100,000 were erected in Williston since Jan. 1 of the present year. These include 25 residences and the new armory for Company E now nearing completion which will have a building cost of \$25,000.

While the total value of the building done this year is considerably lower than for the year 1914 during which the federal building was erected, the number of new residences which have been built in the city this year is nearly twice as large as the number erected in any one year for the past five or six years, according to the records in the office of City Auditor George Harvey, showing the number of water and light applications.

Modern Homes.
The 25 new residences built here are practically all fully modern. While varying in cost, all of them are well built, substantial homes of the quality for which this city is already well known. Among the new residences are some costing as high as \$7,000 and \$8,000, while some were built for as low as \$2,000. The average is thought by city officials to be at least \$3,000 and perhaps more.

While the actual construction cost of the new armory will be almost exactly \$25,000, the value of the property complete, including lots and furnishings, will be between \$35,000 and \$40,000.

Indications are that the amount of building to be done next year will greatly exceed this year's record. With a \$40,000 hotel structure under way, and with several flat and apartment houses planned in addition to an even larger number of private residences, the prospects for a busy building year are the brightest in the history of the city.

LOSES COUSIN IN GREAT WAR

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—Europe's great war again reached into Williston this week when letters and copies of English papers were received here telling of the death at "some place in France" of Private Edgar Halstad, a cousin of Mrs. Ethel Campbell of this city. According to the meager information given to the parents of the young man he was killed September 25 while in action in France.

Mr. Halstad enlisted in the British army soon after the war began a year ago last August and up to the time of his death he had been in the line for 25 months, a widower, and he leaves a little daughter who will live with his parents in Burnley, England. The news of Mr. Halstad's death is given in the Burnley, Eng., Express and Advertiser for October 30, which has just been received by Mrs. Campbell, together with the last card received by the parents of the young man, a formal government card having all the lines erased except the single line, "I am well," and bearing the signature of the sender.

THRESHER CARVES HIS EMPLOYERS

Two Men Daily Cut up by man on Threshing Rig—Bootleggers Arrested.

Mott, N. D., Dec. 6.—The past week has been a busy one for our sheriff and state's attorney's offices. Sheriff Barth and State's Attorney Crane took two prisoners to Dickinson, as they both knew that the officers had the goods on them and wanted to plead guilty so as to have their sentence start at once.

Morris O'Neil, who was one of the men picked up here at Mott with Clark Bailey, with a large amount of liquor in their possession, was sentenced to ninety days in the county jail with a fine of \$200. O'Neil stated to Judge Crawford and State's Attorney Crane that Clark Bailey, who was just a boy, had nothing whatever to do with the deal and he agreed to take his medicine if they would let the boy off.

The other man to plead guilty and receive sentence was Fred Davis who was caught selling liquor out of a bottle at Regent. He received ninety days in the county jail with a fine of \$200.

This makes the first convictions in Hettinger county for violation of the state liquor laws for many a year and the present state's attorney is to be congratulated upon the able manner in which he is conducting the office. James Rogers, the man who is wanted for touching up his partner in the Barry hotel and whom Sheriff Barth brought back from South Dakota a few weeks ago, gave bonds and is now at liberty. He will have to appear in the next term of the district court.

At the Plunket homestead a forger who had been working on the threshing rig of the Plunket boys became enraged at his employers and started to clean up all with whom he came in contact with. Before he was overpowered he cut up quite badly both John and William Plunket.

While those present were giving attention to the two boys the man started off towards Odessa and was not captured until he had made about six miles, when a number of farmers in that neighborhood overtook him and delivered him over to the sheriff's office.

Both the Plunket boys were injured and a doctor was called to dress their wounds. The man has been held here in the county jail because the boys were confined to the house under physicians' orders.

ROSE HILL MAN DIES

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—Ferdinand Hintz, aged 71, a well known farmer of the Rose Hill neighborhood, near Bontrill, died at his home following a long illness.

Mr. Hintz was born in Germany in 1844 and had been a resident of America for 34 years. He was married in Germany, two years before immigrating to America, his wife preceding him to the future world seven years ago. Two sons and four daughters survive.

NEARLY HALF MILLION TAX

Eighty 320-Acre Farms have Been Added to Taxable List in Last Year.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—Twenty-six thousand, four hundred and thirty-eight acres, or more than 30,000 acre farms were added to the taxable farm lands of Williams county during the year ending December 31, according to the tax roll figures prepared in the office of County Auditor M. H. Aasen.

Practically all of this land, according to county officials, was added to the tax rolls by being transferred from the federal government to individual homesteaders. The total amount of taxable farm land in Williams county as assessed for 1915 is 1,106,343 acres as compared with 1,077,805 acres taxed a year ago.

Nearly Half Million.
As already announced the valuation of the entire county for the tax year of 1915 is \$3,373,750, and the detailed figures, announced from the county auditor's office this week show that the total valuation of the county is made up as follows: Real estate, \$3,590,429; personal property, \$1,503,840; public utilities, \$78,491; and real estate of the county is divided as follows: Farm lands, \$4,646,384; city and village lots, \$944,045.

Upon the valuations mentioned above, which are intended to be approximately 25 per cent of the actual value of the property, Williams county will collect for all purposes, including state, city, village, and school taxation the grand total of \$487,070.04 an increase over last year of \$71,590.37.

State Taxes Up.
The total taxes to be raised in the county are divided as follows: For state purposes, \$22,088.93, an increase of nearly \$6,000 over last year. For county revenue, general purposes, \$62,840.73; bridges, \$20,100; county tuition, \$18,757.50; roads, \$25,303.12, and for other purposes, \$1,171.18.

In addition to the sums so far given there will be added to the total amount of taxes to be raised the public utilities operating in Williams county, railroads, telephone and express companies, will pay \$67,256.60.

Schools Cost Most.
The rate of taxation for the county in general will be well above 50 mills. The highest rate in the entire county will prevail in the city of Ray where the rate will be 77.5 mills. Farmville township comes second with 74.2 mills and the village of Toga is third with 73.4 mills. In View township the rate is 72.2 mills, in the village of Wildrose 69.8 mills and in Equality township 62.2 mills. Toga is the city is seventh on the list with a rate of 65.2 mills. The lowest rate of taxation is in Scorio township where the rate is but 49.9 mills.

In every case where heavy taxes prevail in Williams county, county officials say that the money being spent on schools is by far the largest item.

WOUNDED MAN WILL RECOVER

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—John Renville, shot and seriously wounded by W. W. Corbett of Buford near that village, seems to have won a desperate struggle for life, and according to Dr. O. E. Distad, will probably be able to leave the hospital within another week. Renville was shot in the abdomen and the bullet pierced four loops of the intestine, finally lodging in the muscles of the back.

County authorities have no clear understanding of the events which led to the shooting. W. W. Corbett, who is county constable, claims to have acted solely in self defense, while Renville and his brother, who was also slightly wounded in the encounter, declare they gave no cause for trouble.

OLD RESIDENT OF STATE DIES

Hatten, N. D., Dec. 6.—Lars L. Husset, who had been sick only about one week, died at his farm home southwest from this city. Mr. Husset was at the time of his death 47 years of age, being born in 1847 at Husset, Hadelen, Valdres, Norway. He emigrated to America in 1887 and located at Park River, N. D., where he worked for his brother, Ole Husset, for two years. He then went to Grand Forks and stayed there one year after which he came to Hatten in December, 1890, and opened up a meat market which he conducted here until July 1, 1910, when he retired from the business.

APARTMENT HOUSE FOR BISMARCK

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 6.—Bismarck is to have a modern apartment house. E. W. Murphy, one of the leading business men of the city, has just received from architects complete plans for an eighteen-suite apartment house, which will be located on lot 20, block 64, original plat of Bismarck, across the street from the new government building. The structure will cost \$28,000. Contracts have not been let.

Three Stories.
The building is to be of brick and street stories high, 140 feet in length north and south, and 25 feet wide. Each suite will have outside light and the place will be heated with steam from a central plant. Electric lights and electric plates for cooking will be built in the various rooms, and in every way the building will be absolutely modern and fire-proof.

EPPING TO HAVE ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—After due consideration the business men of Epping have decided to organize a company and establish an electric light plant. Thirty-two shares have been sold and it is expected that more will be added later. Tom Bjella has been engaged to furnish the room and operate the plant. Mr. Dougherty from Williston is wiring the city and it is expected to have ample light by Christmas.

VETERAN SOLDIER GOES TO FARGO

Milton, N. D., Dec. 6.—Col. H. E. Burrett, one of the few remaining old war veterans of Langdon and vicinity, who have decided to organize a company and establish an electric light plant. Thirty-two shares have been sold and it is expected that more will be added later. Tom Bjella has been engaged to furnish the room and operate the plant. Mr. Dougherty from Williston is wiring the city and it is expected to have ample light by Christmas.

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WILLISTON SURE OF WHITE WAY

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—The period for filing objections to the proposed white way for Williston closed and County Auditor Harvey reports that no objections to the project have reached his office. The city commission will therefore be at liberty to follow the plans which have been outlined and it is understood that the details for the white way system will be the topic of discussion at the next meeting of the commission.

While the white way is now assured, the commissioners have not yet decided what type of system shall be installed. It is known that at least two of the commissioners are strongly in favor of the one light system which is said to be the most economical. At least one other commissioner would favor this form of white way as against that it would be as artistic as the five-light type of street lighting.

RAY MAN WRITES BOOK

Williston, N. D., Dec. 6.—George H. Moelling, a well known attorney of Ray and a man prominent in democratic political councils, has just completed writing a book. Under the title of "The Neutral's Portion," the author has woven a stirring romance with historical touches, against the great European war as a background. Those who have been favored by a glimpse into its chapters found it replete with interest. Mr. Moelling is understood to be in correspondence with eastern houses with regard to publication of the work.

There are always more things to think about in the month of December.

BIGGER and BETTER

Our sale is still continuing and our bargains are getting bigger and better every day. This is a golden opportunity to secure your clothes at a mere fraction of its actual worth, so don't pass same by. If you have waited for "bargaintime" to get your Winter outfit, don't hesitate a minute longer. Come to this sale Monday. To make it a special event for you, we have put on our tables some extra good values; values that stand out as some of the greatest we have ever offered.

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Blankets Comforts

All our Blankets and Comforts are specially priced for our Clearance Sale.

\$6.00 value. Clearance Sale price	4.48
\$8.00 value. Clearance Sale price	6.48
\$3.50 value. Clearance Sale price	2.48
\$2.50 value. Clearance Sale price	1.78
\$2.00 value. Clearance Sale price	1.48
\$1.75 value. Clearance Sale price	1.38
\$1.50 value. Clearance Sale price	98c
\$1.25 value. Clearance Sale price	88c
\$5.00 Comforts. Clearance Sale price	3.78
\$3.50 value. Clearance Sale price	2.48
\$1.50 value. Clearance Sale price	1.18

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\$6.00 values. Clearance Sale price	4.79
\$5.50 values. Clearance Sale price	4.29
\$5.00 values. Clearance Sale price	3.69
\$4.50 values. Clearance Sale price	3.19
\$4.00 values. Clearance Sale price	2.79

Monday Specials

To enable a great many of our customers that could not come out Saturday and take advantage of our Dress Goods specials, we decided to keep the same bargains on for Monday also. There is only a limited amount left, so come early and secure your dress pattern.

Lot 1—Dress goods in plaids, checks and stripes; values up to 30c. Your choice only. **13c** per yard.

Lot 2—Dress goods; also in plaids and checks; your choice, per yard. **16c**

Lot 3—Dress goods in plain colors, stripes; your choice per yard only. **18c**

Coat Specials

Your choice of one lot of Ladies' Coats; values up to \$18.00. Special for Monday. **\$4.98**

Shoes for the Entire Family

One lot of Men's \$5.00 Shoes, in tan, lotus calf, in button and blucher style. Sale price **3.98**

One lot of \$4.00 values in tan, lotus calf and gun metal calf; button and blucher; price **2.98**

One lot of 3.75 values in gun metal calf; button or blucher. Sale price **2.89**

\$3.50 value boys' Indian Chief Shoes; gun metal, button. Sale price **2.89**

\$3.00 value, youth's Indian Chief Shoes, gun metal, button. Sale price **2.48**

\$2.50 value, boys' Welton shoes, gun metal, button or blucher. Sale price **1.89**

\$2.25 value boys' Waitan shoes, gun metal, button. Sale price **1.78**

One lot ladies' \$4.00 and \$3.50 values in dress shoes, patent, gun metal; sale price **2.78**

One lot in ladies' \$3.00 and \$2.75 values in kid and gun metal shoes, button or blucher styles. **1.98** sale price

One lot in ladies \$2.50 values in vicid kid shoes; button or blucher. Sale price **1.89**

For Men

25c values Wool Sox. C. S. price	17c
35c values Wool Sox. Clearance Sale price	19c
50c values Wool Sox. Clearance Sale price	39c
50c values, Wool Mitts. Clearance Sale price	42c
35c values, Wool Mitts. Clearance Sale price	23c
25c values, Clearance Sale price	19c
50c values, Suspenders. Clearance Sale price	19c
\$1.50 values, Winter Caps. Clearance Sale price	\$1.19
\$1.25 values, Winter Caps. Clearance Sale price	98c

Men's Underwear

\$4.00 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$3.19
\$3.50 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$2.89
\$3.00 values 2-piece (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$2.48
\$2.50 values 2-piece (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$1.89
\$2.25 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$1.89
\$2.00 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$1.45
\$1.50 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	\$1.19
\$1.25 values (Union). Clearance Sale price	98c
50c values. Clearance Sale price	39c

Men's Flannel Shirts

\$3.50 values. Sale price	\$2.39
\$2.50 values; military collar. Sale price	\$1.98
\$2.35 values; military collar. Sale price	\$1.89
\$2.00 values; blue and gray. Sale price	\$1.49
\$1.50 values; blue and gray. Sale price	\$1.19
\$1.25 values; blue and gray. Sale price	98c
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