# FLAX STRAW IS BEING STUDIED

## Eastern Interests Awakened to Utilization of the Product.

## GREAT WASTE NOW BEING INCURRED

## Successful Conversion of the Material Would Mean Added Riches.

That North Dakota is attracting attention by reason of economic changes occurring is becoming more and more apparent as time passes. Her surplus agricultural products have always been readily absorbed in eastern markets, but now, quite frequently, inquiries are being made which indicate that what might be called the "By-products" of her farming operations may come into the market at no very distant period.

A letter recently received by Commissioner R. F. Flint of the state department of agriculture, from a firm in Philadelphia, seeks information concerning flax-spinning mills, with the object of securing material for manufacturing purposes. Another letter is from a New York firm, asking for a bag of flax straw for experimental purposes by a client in Europe who claims to have invented a process whereby flax thread can be secured from seed-ripened straw and paper cardboard, etc., manufactured from the residue. The department has also knowledge of a carload of threshed straw being shipped to New Jersey for experimental purposes. All of which points indubitably to the growing needs of eastern manufacturers, and to a new opportunity which is opening to our farmers.

North Dakota plants from one-third to one-half of the total flax acreage of the United States, and more than double the acreage of any other state. Heretofore the flax straw has been practically a total loss, although it is known to possess very valuable qualities which fit it for such uses as insulating, packing, upholstering, etc. High freight rates have prevented its shipment to seats of manufacture and, there being no plants in the state, thousands of tons are burnt annually to make room for the succeeding crop. This seems to be a fearful economic waste that should be dealt with heroically. The inquiries noted above may be the forerunners of new conditions soon to prevail, and, in any event, are encouraging, as indicating how the interests of large corporations and the North Dakota farmer are running along parallel lines.

# WILL DESIGNATE DEPOSITARIES

### Banks of the State Will Have to make Application and File Bonds at Once.

The state board of auditors will meet January 11 at Bismarck to pass on the applications and bonds of various banks in the state, making application for designation as a state depository.

The following summary of the provision of the law has been sent to the various banks in the state by the secretary of state:

1. The amount which may be applied for is limited to 50 per cent of the capital and surplus of the bank making application.

2. While the interest rate may not be less than 2 per cent, nor more than 3 per cent, according to law; the state board of auditors has ruled that it will not accept bids for less than 3 per cent, and the interest rate appears in the blanks, herewith, at 3 per cent.

3. The application must show a correct statement of the condition of the bank at the close of business of the day on which the application is made.

1. The bond may be (1) personal, or (2) surety company.

2. If personal, the amount of the bond must be double the amount applied for in the application.

3. If a personal bond, the sureties sign twice—once under the bond, proper, and again under the qualification as to property.

4. If personal, the bond must be signed by not less than seven (7) freeholders of the state of North Dakota and each of them must justify in double the amount of the money for which the bank makes application.

5. If surety company, the amount of the bond must be the same as the amount applied for in the application.

6. Do not fail to place an impression of the corporate seal of the bank on the bond.

Mail application and bond together, in one envelope and address to Secretary of State, Bismarck, N. D., marking envelope "Application and Bond for State Depository."

The state board of auditors meets on Tuesday, January 11, 1916. After adjournment sine die, no applications may be acted upon until 1918.


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# IMMIGRATION IS FIRST ITEM IN CLUB'S PROGRAM

## Will Get Attention at Hands of the Federation Committees.

Immigration and labor—methods of encouraging the former and of assuring an adequate and a better supply of the latter—will be discussed in reports to be presented to the executive committee of the North Dakota Federation of Commercial Clubs in business session at Bismarck, beginning at 10 a. m., Thursday, January 13, by committees and joint committees named during the recent convention in Fargo.

**County Unity Plan.**

The county unity plan of promoting immigration; the question of North Dakota's participation in the Chicago Herald's permanent exposition of natural resources and some practical method of bringing farm labor to North Dakota when it is wanted and where it is wanted, will be among the matters covered in the reports. There will be no speech-making; the session will be confined to the presentation of reports, their discussion, and, if possible, the adoption by the North Dakota Federation of Commercial Clubs of some definite line of action based upon the conclusions so arrived at.

The executive committee of the North Dakota Federation of Commercial Clubs consists of President J. P. Hardy of Fargo; Vice Presidents W. E. Holbein of Minot, Frank Hyland of Devils Lake, E. J. Lander of Grand Forks and F. W. Turner of Dickinson, and Secretary-Treasurer R. F. Flint of Bismarck.

**Members of Committee.**

The committee which has had under consideration the Chicago Herald plan, representing jointly the North Dakota Bankers' association and the Federated clubs, consists of H. F. Emery, Fargo; J. Dexter Pierce, Larimore, and R. F. Flint, Bismarck. The joint bankers' and commercial clubs' committee which will report on the county unit plan of encouraging immigration is composed of H. F. Emery of Fargo, R. F. Flint of Bismarck, J. Dexter Pierce of Larimore, representing the federation, and W. C. McFadden of Fargo, F. W. Cathro of Bottineau, J. E. Phelan of Bowman and C. S. Newberry, Carrington, representing the bankers. The joint committee on farm labor includes Messrs. McFadden, Flint, Pierce, Secretary C. W. Graves of the Grand Forks Commercial club, and Secretary G. L. Price of the Bismarck Commercial club.

Invitations have been extended to representatives of the Devils Lake Commercial club and to prominent citizens of Cavalier county to tell at this meeting of their experience with the county unit plan, and everyone who is especially interested in immigration, in farm labor, or the problems of the North Dakota farmer and the state in general, as regards these particular points is urged to attend the sessions, beginning at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, January 13, in the Commercial club rooms at Bismarck.

The North Dakota Federation of Commercial Clubs, with live wires in all of the executive positions, hopes during the coming year to take up and bring toward solution a number of problems which are of vital interest to the state at large. The meeting in Bismarck next week will be the beginning of an active campaign in which it is hoped to enlist the support of every commercial organization and booster club in North Dakota.

# FLINT'S CONTEST GAINS APPROVAL

The department of agriculture of this state, through its commissioner, R. F. Flint, struck a mighty popular chord when it inaugurated the "Good Reasons for Using a Pure Bred Sire" contest, as evidenced by the numerous letters received from all over the country containing expressions most complimentary. The contest provides for three cash prizes of $25, $15 and $5, respectively, for the best ten reasons for using a pure bred sire, the ten reasons being confined to a total of 800 words.

This contest is both original and novel and has elicited the approval and hearty co-operation of some of the most eminent authorities on pure bred stock in the United States. The heartiest congratulations are being offered by secretaries and active members of breeders' associations from nearly every state in the union. Also from prominent breeders and stockmen over this state. All are of the opinion that wonderful progress will be made as a result of this contest, along the lines of stimulating interest in the conditions which tend to improve live stock through good breeding. The department's prime object is in the hopes that there will be a better understanding injected into the minds of the farmers and stockmen of the state, and the adoption by them of a more definite purpose in the selection of sires for all classes of live stock and poultry.

There are no grounds for doubt but that pure bred sires will improve the general class of live stock faster with the same investment than could be accomplished through any other means. Pure bred sires of all kinds of live stock that are animals of much merit, can be purchased at very reasonable figures and when it is taken into consideration the great amount of service that can be received for a limited investment, it is believed there is no ground left for anyone to feel contented with a grade sire.

Such a campaign as Mr. Flint has inaugurated will ultimately result in elimination from the state of North Dakota of every grade sire. Following are extracts from letters received:

"It will elevate understanding of the stock interests which will be of advantage." C. M. Winslow, secretary Ayrshire Breeders' association, Brandon, Vt.

"Splendid idea. If you have not had it patented we would like to copy it in many other states." Th. Rabild, dairy division, bureau of animal industry, Washington, D. C.

"I think this contest will prove a great stimulus to the development of interest to the use of pure bred sires." J. R. Keithley, professor of dairying, Agricultural College, N. D.

"The reasons to be submitted will get to the very heart of this important feature of the stock industry." J. H. Martz, secretary The Polled Durham Breeders' association, Teenville, Ohio.

"Pure bred sires may not all come at once but the gospel of it will filter through the minds of many with telling results. I think your contest is a good idea." W. A. Schafor, secretary American Oxford Down Record, Hamilton, Ohio.

# FINLANDER MET AT DEPOT BY A DEPUTY SHERIFF

## Arrested on a Statutory Charge—Course of Action not Decided Upon

When John Lampi, a Finlander, stepped from a Great Northern train at the local depot this morning he was arrested by a deputy sheriff on a warrant charging unlawful cohabitation. The complaint was sworn out by Assistant State's Attorney T. B. Elton.

Lampi has not been arraigned as yet, and it is not expected that he will be brought before a justice until the authorities definitely determine what action to take.

The case is a peculiar one. The young woman in the case is not disposed to prosecute, although, according to her story told the authorities, she has given Lampi something over $800, which represented her savings. She was living in Calumet, Mich., when she met Lampi, according to her story, and had agreed to marry him. He induced her to come west with him before they were married.

Eventually, they came to Grand Forks, and, according to the authorities, had been living in an International avenue rooming house as man and wife.

At various times during the fall, it is stated, Lampi borrowed money from his alleged wife. A short time ago he went to Minneapolis, and on several occasions telegraphed and wrote for money. At one time the woman wired him $50, it is said.

Finally, the woman, at his request, went to Minneapolis and remained there with him for several days. Later she returned to Grand Forks and he was expected to follow within two or three days, but she heard nothing from him for over a week.

Assistant State's Attorney T. B. Elton conferred with federal authorities at Fargo on the advisability of arresting Lampi on a federal warrant charging violation of the Mann act, but on Sunday decided to issue a state warrant to bring Lampi back here pending further investigation.

The Minneapolis authorities were notified, but could not locate Lampi.

Yesterday Lampi, unawares of the warrant for his arrest, telephoned to Grand Forks, declaring that he was leaving Minneapolis and would reach this city today. A deputy sheriff met him at the depot.

A conference is being held this afternoon to determine what action to take. This morning the woman demanded that she be allowed to go to jail with Lampi. Whether or not he will be prosecuted under the Mann act depends upon her.

# P. H. HEEN IS NEW MANAGER

### Has Taken Position at Head of Local Lumber Yards as Successor to A. N. Briggs.

P. H. Heen, former manager of the St. Hilaire Retail Lumber company's yards at Grafton, has accepted the position of manager of the yards of the Ireland Lumber company in this city, and is moving his family to Grand Forks.

A. N. Briggs, former manager of the yards, has resigned from the company, and has been appointed as city clerk of East Grand Forks by Mayor C. J. Kelleher.

# SMITH IS IN TO THE FINISH

### Newspaper Man Formally Declares Himself in the Gubernatorial Race.

Formal announcement was made this week by George J. Smith of Plaza of his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor. Mr. Smith says he will be in the race "till the polls close."

Mr. Smith sets forth the cause of the agricultural interests of the state as the one nearest his heart, and the one that he would espouse if elected governor.

Mr. Smith is publisher of a string of newspapers in the central west district, and is quite well known throughout the state, particularly among the Society of Equity forces.

# MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS DINNER

### Committee Will Have Charge of Next Bi-weekly Spread of Commercial Club—Held January 18.

The next bi-weekly dinner of the Commercial club, which will be given Tuesday night, January 18, will be in charge of the municipal affairs committee, of which O. A. Webster is chairman. Mr. Webster announced today that a meeting of the committee will be held during the next day or two at which time the program will be completed.

The dinner was to have been given January 11, but it was postponed for one week.

# LARGE INCREASE IN CLEARINGS

### Gain of Over Two and a Half Million Over 1914 Shown by Report From Local Clearing House.

Bank clearings in Grand Forks for the year 1915 exceed those of 1914 by more than $2,500,000 according to an announcement issued by the local clearing house. The clearings for 1914 amounted to $20,005,700, while in 1915 the total amounted to $22,606,600. With a good crop in 1916, Grand Forks bankers feel confident that another large increase will be made next year.

Bank clearings in most of the other cities in North Dakota show a large increase for 1915 as compared with the year before.

# PLANS MADE FOR MEETING

### Sub-committees Appointed Yesterday to Have Charge of Various Arrangements.

Sub-committees to attend to the arrangements for the annual meeting of the North Dakota Press association to be held in Grand Forks January 28 and 29, were appointed yesterday afternoon.

C. C. Gowran, chairman of the house committee of the Commercial club, will be in charge of the banquet, and W. H. Alexander will arrange for the meeting places. Don V. Moore is chairman of the reception committee, while Mrs. Alice Nelson Page has been in charge of the entertainment for the visiting ladies.

Officers for the ensuing year will be appointed at the meeting and general business transacted. The entertainment will be confined to the evening of Friday, January 28, at which time a get-together banquet will be held.

The general committee of the association consists of N. B. Black, chairman; P. O. Thorson, Mrs. Alice Nelson Page and D. V. Moore.


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# COMMITTEES OF BOARD NAMED

## Chairman Donovan of County Commissioners Makes Appointments.

At the meeting of the county commissioners this morning, Chairman Joseph Donovan announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

Hospital and poor farm—Robert Haddow and entire board.

Purchasing—Thomas Mooney, Jos. Poupore and Robert Haddow.

Claims—Robert Haddow, Thomas Mooney and Geo. Udenby.

Buildings and ground—Jos. Poupore and entire board.

Roads and bridges—Geo. Udenby and entire board.

The office of County Auditor Hans Anderson was checked up this morning and everything declared O. K. The board found that $211 had been collected in fees during the year.

Other offices are being checked up this afternoon.

At the session yesterday afternoon the clerk hire for the several county offices during the year 1916 was fixed as follows:

**County Auditor's Office.**

One deputy at salary of $100 per month.

One clerk at salary of $90 per month.

Three clerks at salaries of $85 per month.

**County Treasurer's Office.**

One deputy at $110 per month.

One clerk at $90 per month.

One clerk at $85 per month.

**Clerk of District Court.**

One deputy at salary of $100 per month.

**County Judge.**

One deputy at $88 per month.

One stenographer at $50 per month.

**Register of Deeds.**

One deputy at $110 per month.

One clerk at $55 per month.

Two clerks at $50 per month.

**State's Attorney's Office.**

One clerk at $35 per month.

**Sheriff's Office.**

Two deputies at $85 per month.

**70 Cents a Prisoner.**

On motion the sheriff was authorized to charge the county 70 cents each per day for the board of prisoners while confined in the county jail during 1916.

Reports of the sheriff showing $83.15 in fees collected during December and showing $672.80 in personal property taxes collected during the same period were accepted and placed on file.

# BISHOP QUAYLE NEXT WEEK

### Will Be Guest of Honor at Wesley College Dinner—Endowment Question to be Taken Up.

Bishop William A. Quayle of St. Paul, of the Methodist Episcopal church, will be the guest of honor at a Wesley college dinner, which will be given at the Commercial club Wednesday night, January 12. The use of the club rooms was extended to the college for the dinner.

Wesley college endowment will be the chief subject taken up, and Bishop Quayle will speak at some length of it in his address.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the dinner, and it is expected that it will be well attended.

# NEWKIRK LANG DIES IN SOUTH

### Son of Mrs. Louisa Lang of Hamilton, N. D., Succumbs—Mother Visiting in This City.

Mrs. Louisa Lang, of Hamilton, N. D., who is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hazlett, 525 Chestnut street, was notified Monday that her son, Newkirk Lang, had died at Peoria, Ill., where he was a machinist. Mrs. Lang was at Hamilton at the time and came to Grand Forks to remain here until the body arrived. John Lang, a brother, left immediately for Peoria to take charge of the body. It is not expected that he can reach here until Saturday. The remains will be taken to Cavalier for burial.

On Christmas day, deceased wrote his mother that he was in excellent health. Later he was taken ill with appendicitis and death came quickly.

**A CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE.**

"I hope your constituents appreciate the value of your patriotic services," said the prominent citizen.

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