News of North Dakota

OPPOSE PLAN OF CHARGING

Equity Society is Against Plan to Compel Charge For Storage.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—Protests by a committee of three consisting of J. G. Crites of Lisbon, A. H. Freie of Berlin, and W. H. Bell of Sheyenne, representing the stockholders of the Equity Co-operative exchange, against establishing any rate of storage on grain or any change on the present rulings of the storage law, were heard in the conference of grain men and farmers before the state railroad and warehouse commission in session here. The commission adjourned, the matter being taken under advisement.

Old Line Companies Represented.

Representativs of old line companies and of the Grain Bulletin of Minneapolis, millers and elevator managers were in attendance and asked that the charge be made compulsory, old line companies being insistent in their demand, while the opinion of the millers was divided. The members of the committee of the Equity Co-operative exchange declared that the exchange was unanimously against compulsory storage and that the charge should be made as the elevator men see fit.

Another Scheme is Laid.

"We believe that it is only another scheme fathered by the old line companies to extract a little more tribute from the farmers of North Dakota," declared J. G. Crites before the conference. "We believ that if this commission sees fit to rule that all companies in North Dakota must charge a rate of storage, say the present maximum rate, that it will, to a large extent, do away with the storage of grain, and thereby compel the farmers to sell their grain before they would if the farmers' elevators were left free to make a charge as they may see fit, as at present.

Many Cannot Store Grain.

"It is known that many small farmers throughout the state are not in a position to store grain on their farms for lack of sufficient buildings in which to store it, and for the further reason that many are compelled to take their grain to an elevator and use the storage ticket obtained thereon as collateral for loans which they may wish to make at the bank. It is easily seen that this class of farmers will be hit the hardest. The present campaign that is being instigated by members of the grain exchange with the old argument to sell your grain in the fall and buy an option against it, is most vicious and if the elevators are compelled to charge a maximum rate of storage it will give support to this propaganda, inasmuch as the farmer will take the advice given and may become addicted to this most vicious of all habits.

Charge Law Violation.

"We are opposed for the further reason that we have at this time on the statute books of North Dakota an anti-discrimination law which the old line companies see fit to openly and flagrantly violate at the majority of the towns of the state. The making of a rule to govern this proposition is to make only one more law for them to violate. The farmers' elevator companies of the state are not of the law violating class."

Talk of Elevator Examiner.

Several prominent grain men voiced their opinion in favor of creating an office of elevator examiner, it being the duty of the person in charge to make a weekly or monthly report of the amount of storage grain outstanding—more than the bonding of the elevator. While no crisis has arisen yet in such cases, it was stated that it is a dangerous practice.

Equity Condemns Storage Proposition

It was at the meetings of the Co-operative exchange held in Fargo during the Tri-State Graingrowers' convention last month the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted at the stockholders' annual convention:

"Resolved, that we condemn the proposition initiated by the Grain Bulletin of the Chamber of Commerce of Minneapolis, to compel elevator companies operating in the state of North Dakota to charge a rate of storage by the railroad commissioners of the state of North Dakota for the reason that we believe each farmers' elevator is capable of conducting its own business."

The president of the Co-operative exchange was then authorized to appoint a committee of three to wait on the railroad commission to protest against establishing of any rate by the commission.

MAKING TOUR OF THE EAST

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—Word was received at the agricultural college from Prof. A. G. Arvold, who is on a lecture tour through the east, that he dined with Prof. Max Batt, formerly of the North Dakota agricultural faculty. He met Dr. Batt in Chicago and spent an evening with him. On the way he also spent a day with his brother, William Arvold at Madison, Wis. William Arvold is a student at the Wisconsin university and is manager of the band trip which brings the band to Fargo on Feb. 12.

Professor Arvold is making quite an extensive tour, going as far as New York, where he is to talk at Columbia university. He spoke several times in Minneapolis, also at the Michigan university, and speaks today at Cornell university. He talks on the "Little Country Theater," which has attained wide fame in this country through his efforts.

TWICHELL WILL TALK ON CREDITS

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—Hon. Treadwell Twichell left for Washington to appear before a committee of the house of representatives which is considering the subject of rural credits. Hon. Myron T. Herrick, chairman of the rural credit committee of the chamber of commerce of the United States, who has given much attention to this subject and has prepared a bill embodying a system which is carefully thought out, has invited Mr. Twichell to give his views.

Mr. Twichell, who is one of the best known farmers in North Dakota, and of great experience in all phases of rural life in the state since territorial days, is also a thinker upon the economic side of farm life and without doubt will be able to make suggestions which will be of value.

NOT DISTURBED AS HOUSE BURNS

Devils Lake, N. D., Feb. 11.—The fire department was called to the Zunich home on First street, where an over-heated stove fired a partition, creating a good sized blaze which was extinguished by the department.

When the fire was discovered and the alarm turned in and while the department was en route, as well as fighting the fire, Mrs. Kirschstein, a woman 75 years of age, mother of Mrs. Joseph Zunich, sat calmly in the house, showing no anxiety or fear.

The damage to the house was comparatively light.

WHERE FOLKS OF DAKOTA RESIDE

Moving Center of Population is Shown by J. W. Bliss' Figures.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 11—Now that the geographical center of the state has been officially located by State Engineer J. W. Bliss at or near McClusky in Sheridan county, interest centers in the center of population of the state. The state census taken during the year locates the center of population on section 22, township 146, range 72 about midway between Chasely and Hurdsfield on the Carrington-Turtle Lake branch of the Northern Pacific. This center of population is 36 miles southwest of New Rockford.

The 1910 United States census located the center of population of the state to be a point at the intersection of the township lines of 146 and 147 and range lines 70 and 71, 3½ miles northeast of Bowden on the same line of road and also in Wells county.

The 1900 United States census located the center of population of the state on section 33-147-68, or 6.6 miles southwest of McHenry in Foster county.

During the past fifteen years the center of population of the state has moved 53 miles almost straight west. If it continues at this rate of progress in a westerly direction during the next fifteen years it will be somewhere in the neighborhood of Underwood or Washburn in McLean county and considerably to the west of the city of Bismarck. While the center of population is now some thirty miles to the east of the geographical center, if it continues this westerly progress, at the end of fifteen years it will be about 20 miles west of the present geographical center.

It might be of interest to note that in 1880 the center of population was fixed as two miles south of Mattson in Barnes county and in 1890 7.2 miles southwest of Jessie in Griggs county.

HAS HOOK JABBED IN HIS BACK

Wahpeton, N. D., Feb. 11.—Wesley Oliver, who was confined to his home with a tooth ache, and then lumbago, sustained a very painful injury. While attempting to move around the house, he backed into a crochet hook, which entered into the small of his back for quite a distance. After being unable to extricate it, he called upon his wife to pull it out. She tried to pull it out as easy as possible, and finding it wouldn't come, gave a stronger jerk and the hook snapped off, leaving the barbed end in the flesh. A doctor was immediately summoned, who had to lance it before being able to probe the hook from the body.

WILL CASE IS SETTLED IN COURT

Moorhead, Minn., Feb. 11.—The Hoffman will case was settled before the opening of the district court when the attorneys for both sides got together and made a satisfactory agreement. Mrs. Meehan, the contestant, withdrew her case to break up the will on payment of a sum of money satisfactory to all parties.

The case began when, at the death of Mrs. Isabella Hoffman of Georgetown a few years ago, Mrs. Meehan, her daughter, and one of her heirs received an inheritance of $1, while the rest of the fortune was divided among the other heirs. The case was taken to court in 1914, and the jury awarded Mrs. Meehan an equal share of the property. Attorneys for the proponents appealed for another trial, which was granted, and the case began last Monday.

The attorneys for the contestant, Mrs. Meehan, were Charles S. Marden and William Russell.

GETS YEAR ON PIGGING CHARGE

Minot, N. D., Feb. 11.—N. F. Anderson, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of stealing a couple of pigs from the farm of W. H. Parker near the city, and who was subsequently held to the district court on a charge of burglary in the third degree, entered a plea to that charge in the district court and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

One of the other men charged jointly with the crime and who is now out on bail, will probably enter a plea of guilty later. But he was not in the city when Anderson entered his plea and if he does so it will be at a later time.

REAL PROSPERITY IN THIS COMMUNITY

Glen Ullin, N. D., Feb. 11.—Prosperity is evident at this point, shown by the railroad receipts. Over 520,000 bushels of wheat shipped east last fall means at least that many dollars for the farmers and represents but two-thirds of the 1915 wheat crop. The rest is still held. Flax sales this winter total over $100,000 and the local flour mill has purchased wheat representing an expenditure of $150,000 more. Sixty-eight carloads of live stock shipped to eastern markets bring the total receipts to the farmers to over the million mark.

WANT TO STOP TRAIN AT FELTON

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—President G. H. Rustad of the Moorhead Commercial club has taken steps in an endeavor to persuade the Great Northern Railway company officials to stop their fast Winnipeg train at Felton. That city is quite inaccessible from Moorhead except by way of Glyndon, and anyone coming from Felton to Moorhead faces two days to make the trip from Felton to Moorhead by rail.

Felton has always been a strong booster to Moorhead, but the people of that city are being drawn away on account of the lack of proper railway connections.

GOT STIFF SENTENCE.

Killdeer, N. D., Feb. 11.—The old battle between the homesteader and stockman was renewed here when Joseph Strang and Henry Erbe were seeking cattle that had strayed from the range. Ignoring a "no trespassing" sign on the gate of the Christian Rogne farm, they opened it. Rogne appeared, remonstrated and was beaten up. Strang started serving a 30-day sentence in jail and paid a fine of $100.

HORRIBLE SCENE IN MAGIC CITY

Dying Man Mutilates Self While Walking Along the Street—Throws Intestines in Snow.

Minot, N. D., Feb. 11.—One of the most horrible cases of self mutilation and suicide in the annals of such things occurred in this city when Jens Bredahl, 40 years of age, and residing in this city at the time, committed suicide by cutting his throat and stomach and otherwise mutilating himself. The horrible deed was evidently committed while the victim was suffering from an acute case of insanity, though nothing of that kind had been noticed in his conduct before the almost unthought of deed which ended his life.

He had eaten in the Great Northern depot restaurant yesterday evening and about fifteen minutes afterward, while outside and without warning or seemingly without any premeditation, proceeded to cut his throat with a razor. He then started to walk away, and as he did so further mutilated himself. He cut a cross gash in his stomach, from which the intestines protruded. As he proceeded southward from the depot he cut off the protruding intestines and threw them into the snow.

The police were notified and Policeman Reed rushed to the scene. He followed the insane man and overtaking him, rushed him to the hospital, where medical aid was rendered. But he was beyond the aid of medical science and he died after lingering nearly two and a half hours.

The home of the dead man is at Pelican Rapids, Minn., but he has several brothers living in this portion of North Dakota and Mrs. William West of this city is a sister. He had been making his home with Mrs. West for something like a month and has frequently visited here for several weeks at a time. He at one time had a claim near Tagus.

Friends who knew the dead man say he was quiet in his disposition, industrial and frugal in his habits and that the rash deed which ended his life would have been the last thing to which they thought him capable. The members of his family are prostrated over his death, but they like all those who knew him, realize that it was the act of a mad man and not that of the brother in his sane moments.

MAYVILLE

Mayville, N. D., Feb. 11.—The basketball game in the home gymnasium last Friday evening between Mayville normal school team and the Moorhead normal team was the best exhibition seen here recently. The teams were quite evenly matchd and the final outcome was uncertain until the final whistle sounded. The Mayville team seemed a litle stronger in general playing. Their team work and their handling of the ball was about the best ever witnessed on the local floor. They were unfortunate in that one of the best players could not take part in the game at all, owing to being back in his school work. But in spite of this the final score stood 31 to 27 in favor of the Mayville normal team.

Those playing on the home team were Sillan, Grinde, Schlosser, Anderson, Hauge and Broon who substituted for Schlosser during the last few minutes of the second half.

The next game will be played in Mayville on Friday afternoon, February 11, with the Valley City normal five. This also promises to be a game of no less interest than the one just played.

The Woman's club of Mayville met last Saturday at the home of Miss Olson and the meeting was led by Mrs. Tharaldson and Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Tharaldson having the topic "Sacred Music in America," and Mrs. Travis having "The Elijah." Those present spoke of the excellence of the program. Both topics were illustrated and several took part in solos and in choruses.

The freshmen, under the guidance of their counsellor, Mr. Lehman, enjoyed a sleigh ride last Saturday evening after which they had a frolic and lunch in the gymnasium.

The Woman's club will present a play under the leadership of Miss Zichy in about three weeks. This play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," is a pleasing comedy in three acts and Miss Zichy will have the leading part. Her having charge and taking the leading part will insure the people of Mayville an excellent performance.

Miss Speaker gave a chapel talk on her vacation trip last Monday morning. She brought geography home to the students in a very pleasing manner.

NEW POLICEMAN NAMED AT FARGO

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—At an adjourned meeting of the city commissioners, Ellen Duffy of Bay City, Mich., was appointed police woman to succeed Mrs. Poppler, who resigned some time ago.

Police Commissioner Dahl, in bringing up the matter of appointing a new policewoman, stated that he had looked up several prospects and that Miss Duffy seemed to be the best qualified for the position of any of the applicants.

The appointment takes effect immediately and under the terms of the ordinance providing for a policewoman the salary of the new officer is to be not less than $1,000 a year.

GETS PRISONER IN NEW YORK

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 11.—Sheriff William Haevisher of Mercer county was in the capital city en route to Olen, N. Y., where George Post, wanted in Stanton on a statutory charge, was recently arrested. Sheriff Haevisher will go to the capital at Albany first to secure extradition papers for his prisoner and will bring him back to Mercer county to face trial.

(Herald Special Service.)

Devils Lake, N. D., Feb. 11.—Officials are awaiting a possible change in the condition of Nick Zazor, a Russian, who lies in a local hospital with a bullet in his abdomen. A warrant may be issued today for the arrest of Harvey Alderson on a charge of murder, should the victim die.

Alderson came to Devils Lake yesterday and admitted that he had shot Zazor, but asserted that he acted in self defense following trouble over wages. Alderson declares that the hired man came at him with a pitchfork and that he shot in self defense.

Now and then you meet a man who has a tremendous appetite only when he is dining at another's expense.

NOVEL POINT IS TO BE SETTLED

Case Involving Big Sum Comes on Before Judge Pollock.

Fargo, N. D., Feb. 11.—A case on demurrer to be brought before Judge Pollock of the district court within four weeks is that of S. H. Cranmer of Minneapolis, who is suing the county commissioners of Sargent county, North Dakota, to enforce the refundment of outstanding tax certificates amounting to approximately $4,088.30. Papers were served on the auditor of Sargent county last week. Besides, the number of certificates in the possession of Mr. Cranmer, there are enough others outstanding, it was stated yesterday, to amount in the aggregate with interest to $10,000.

Cranmer Here Yesterday.

S. H. Cranmer left yesterday for Minneapolis after spending several days here in placing his case with local attorneys. In discussing the conditions that led up to the suit, Mr. Cranmer stated that in the early days of Sargent county the Northern Pacific Railway company sold much of its lands along its track in that county to settlers on contract. These lands embraced a certain grant to the railroad company by the federal government, upon which patent had not at the time been issued. The taxing officials of the county levied taxes against the land on the advice of the attorney general. This was in 1888.

Learn Levies Were Irregular.

The settlers learned, according to Mr. Cranmer, that the levies were irregular and many did not pay their taxes. In October, 1889, these taxes were sold by the county to a great variety of bidders and tax certificates were issued. These certificates were later bought up by persons who wished to speculate. Mr. Cranmer, among others, purchased certificates.

Clear Titles Not to be Had.

The Northern Pacific Railway company which had contracted to give the settler purchasers of its land warranty deed upon the fulfillment of certain obligations, was called upon for such, but it was unable to give clear title as the certificates in question constituted a lien against the lands, whereupon the railroad company went into court in order to get these outstanding certificates set aside. The United States circuit court decreed that the taxes were illegal and wrongfully assessed, and it restrained all certificate holders from accepting tax deed.

Cranmer's Name Was Omitted.

Now Mr. Cranmer, after 26 years of meditation, starts action with the plea that the notice of the decree of 1898 was not legally served upon him; also that his name having been spelled wrong. The county commissioners of Sargent county at their April meeting, it has been learned, refused Cranmer's plea for refundment on the ground that the claim was illegal and that it was moreover outlawed, it being more than 26 years since the certificates were issued.

Case Destined for Supreme Court.

As the case will go to the district court on points of law, it is certain, according to statements yesterday that the supreme court will be called upon to render a decision.

MANDAN TO HAVE FINE LODGE HOME

Mandan, N. D., Feb. 10.—Because by pooling their money they will have enough to erect a fine building, members of the Elks, Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and Royal Arcanum, yesterday began action which will result in the construction of a $100,000 club home.

Three members from each order will serve on a combined committee to secure preliminary plans and organize a Fraternal Holding company. The plans call for a building three stories high with high full basement, of thoroughly modern fireproof construction, in which each order will have an individual lodge room, and will share in common a large auditorium, bowling alleys, reading rooms, reception hall, banquet hall, billiard parlors, gymnasium and swimming pool.

NO POSTAL BANK AT SHELDON NOW

Sheldon, N. D., Feb. 11.—The government has discontinued the postal savings business at the Sheldon postoffice, Postmaster T. J. McCully receiving word from the department to pack up all the books and supplies and return them. The Sheldon office was made a postal savings bank about five years ago, but from the beginning the business was almost a failure here. Two per cent interest per year did not appeal to investors and some $18 was the highest amount on deposit at any one time and the past year or so it has been only a few cents. The postmaster was not at all unwilling to give up this department of his stamp shop, considerable work is done away with now, as one less report is required to the department at the end of each month.

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FORCED TO SPEND NIGHT IN BARN

Crosby, N. D., Feb. 11.—Misses Lulu Anderson, Olive Good and Doris Halvorsen, Clarence Anderson, Carl Gessler of Crosby and Ronald Hamond of Ambrose lost their way while returning to Crosby from Ambrose, where they had gone to spend the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamond.

The snow was deep and after wandering around for three hours they came to Rasmus Hanson's farm. They were there shown the road to Crosby but the horses played out and they were obliged to put up for the night in a barn one and one-half miles south of Hanson's.

With a raging blizzard and 21 below weather outside, the young people had a sorry night of it and it's fortunate that they survived the ordeal. They were discovered by Mr. Hanson about noon the next day and were taken to his home where they were taken care of until a party arrived from Crosby with the school bus.

The boys had built a fire in the center of the barn floor and thus managed to keep from freezing, but suffered considerably from the smoke. Hunting parties went out both from Crosby and Ambrose next morning in search of the lost.

WARD COUNTY MAN BUYS FINE CATTLE

Minot, N. D., Feb. 11.—Frank Lenton of North Prairie, Ward county, bought of P. W. Miller his $1,000 herd animal and twenty head of full blooded registered Shorthorn heifers at the mid-winter fair.

This purchase makes Mr. Lenton the possessor of one of the best herds of Shorthorn cattle in the state of North Dakota. He is now raising full blood Percheron horses and with this new addition, exclusive wheat farming unquestionably will soon be a thing of the past for him.

From reports of sales there is a great deal of enthusiasm shown in the stock department of the mid-winter fair. The farmers in the northwest, even in the face of the present high prices of grain, are not forgetting that now is the time to get into stock farming and to improve their herds.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GUESTS

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 11.—The State Historical society has received two very nice presents during the past week. The first is a large photograph of Captain Grant Marsh, the pioneer steamboat man who passed away January 2 last. It is mounted in a swinging frame, is true to life and bears an engraved copper plate bearing his name and other data. This is a present from Mrs. Butler, the photo artist of this city.

The second is a collection of Indian arrow heads from Lawrence Collins of McKenzie. Three are of flint, two being ordinary and the third one an extra large one which was used for shooting buffalo. The third one is of steel. Mr. Collins picked them up in the vicinity of McKenzie.

A hopeless hope is that some wise girls, now that they've invented reversible cuffs and collars, will come along with a reversible shirt with one side thin for summer and the other side thick for winter.

A Glimpse of Our Workshop

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