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FINANCIAL RECORD OF PRES. TOWNLEY CAUSES UNEASINESS TO NON-PARTISAN LEAGUERS

Large Obligations Already Incurred Augur Ill for the Pocketbook of Members Legally Bound to Settle Debts of Farmers' Organization.

Fargo, N. D., May 15.—The members of the Nonpartisan League who have paid their dues are liable for the debts of that organization. This is the decision of able lawyers, one of whom collected judgments from 104 farmers in North Dakota under circumstances very similar.

A Partnership. The Nonpartisan League is not incorporated, but it is doing business, and every member as ably described, ranks as a partner, although only the "executive committee" has anything to say about expending the money.

Farical Examination. The so-called examination of the accounts during the convention at Fargo resulted in a statement of about three sentences in which the "auditors" stated that the money had been properly expended. The Pierce County Tribune wittily says: "Not a farmer's telephone company anywhere would have accepted such an audit."

Rumors of Crash. Many checks issued by the league were turned down by the banks and marked "N. S. F." at the time of the big convention. The latter was a necessity to raise money and brought in something like \$40,000. This helped some, but indications are that a crisis is again approaching.

Truth Becoming Known. The attacks made by H. T. Quinbeck, A. G. Sorlie, W. C. Burnett and Senator W. A. Martin have shaken confidence in the management. The photo-engraving part of the Leader's business is being transferred to a hold-

ing company organized by Townley Coates and Linden under the name of the Dakota Engraving company. Evidently the name "Nonpartisan Leader" is becoming odious.

Townley's Financial Record. The discussion of Townley's record has brought out the truth concerning his plunging and the immense debts piled up in the western part of the state. As the members of the league come to know these facts and to realize that they are responsible for the debts Townley and his coadjutors may pile up, they are exceedingly uneasy.

Townley is said to have gone to Colorado after his ventures in North Dakota, and there he fell in with Coates, who came at his call to this state when informed that the picking was good. Coates brought with him a number of other carpet-baggers.

Townley's financial record in Montana and Colorado has not yet been secured, but in Golden Valley and McKensie counties, North Dakota, the records show the following mortgages to have been filed by A. C. Townley, and Townley Brothers, from 1910 to 1913, and the record does not show that they have been satisfied:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Includes entries like Lowell Bros. 3,950.00, State Bank, Parkers Prairie (Judgment) 338.80, Beach Implement Co. 400.00, etc.

ONE TOWN IN STATE UNTAXED

County Officials Neglect to Assess Hesper in Benson County

Bismarck, N. D., May 15.—An entire North Dakota town that has never paid any taxes has been discovered. The 10 acres of land and the buildings on it which constitute the town of Hesper, Benson county, was founded in 1902 and has then never taxed, according to a report made to the tax commission by C. R. Kostitzky, secretary of the commission whose business is to check up tax matters in the various counties.

Hesper is not a very big town. It is on the Emmond branch of the N. N. There is at Hesper a hotel, a store, a blacksmith shop, a livery barn, several residences and a few other buildings.

The matter of this place escaping taxes was first called to the attention of the tax commission in 1913 by Mr. Kostitzky, at which time he went over the matter and reported to Governor Hanna, and secured his promise that he would urgently recommend the establishment of the state game and fish board.

The plans are to protect the grouse, prairie chickens, etc., on this piece of property for a period of ten years. Chinese and golden pheasants will be imported and released in the preserve.

Three square miles of both farmed and hilly land has been secured so far, and negotiations are under way for purchase of the other three sections. A caretaker may be employed. Further details will be announced later. Members of the Mandan Gun club are generally endorsing the movement.

MINOT GETS FIVE STORY BUILDING

Minot, N. D., May 15.—Frank Anderson, who is erecting a magnificent brick building on First street southwest, opposite the postoffice, has changed his plans which were originally for a three-story building and will erect a five-story building. Instead, the interior plans will also be changed and instead of the third floor being made into apartments, all the four upper floors will be used for offices. There will be fifty-six suites of offices of two rooms each in the building, all with outside light and ample space. There will be no cubby-holes in the building. The lower floor will be used for store space, as originally planned.

The building will be 75x140 feet with full basement. There will be a three foot space on one side of the structure and a twelve foot areaway on the other, thus insuring ample light and easy access to the building at all times. An elevator for both passenger and freight service will be installed and the building throughout will be modern in every particular. The entire structure will be fireproof. The Anderson building will be the first skyscraper in Minot.

BOY IS INSANE IN JAMESTOWN

Jamestown, N. D., May 15.—Chief of Police Obermiller was called to the N. F. round house to take care of a young man about 19 years of age who insisted on learning how to run either a freight or passenger engine or an ocean liner. He gave his name as Leonard Anderson and said he had been sent to Comstock to live with his brother John, by his mother who was living in Beach. He claimed he came to Jamestown on No. 1 from Beach and took a street car to the county jail. The boy is insane, and every bit of machinery or anything resembling machinery appears as a locomotive to him. However, he is good natured and treats all who come in contact with him as old-time friends. The authorities will investigate the case and take care of the young man.

TEAM RUNS AWAY; MAN IS INJURED

LaMoure, N. D., May 15.—B. W. Boyd, local piano agent, met with an accident. He engaged a livery team at Dickey and had gone several miles out into the country, a piano loaded on the platform-like buggy, when the team which was rather fidgety became unruly and Mr. Boyd was thrown out between the two horses. Miraculously, he escaped with only a grazed shoulder, caused by the hind wheel of the buggy passing over him. The lines became entangled with the

GIRL DIES WHEN HOUSE IS BURNED

Havana, N. D., May 15.—The youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. More, residing a mile and a half from Kidder, S. D., near here, was burned to death by flames which destroyed their home during the high wind.

The girl was trapped in the basement, and the spread of the flames was so rapid that she could not be rescued. Nothing was saved from the burning home.

LAY PLANS FOR GAME RESERVE

Members of Mandan Gun Club Will Import and Propagate Wild Game.

Mandan, May 15.—A game preserve composed of six square miles to be located about six miles north of the city, comprising part of the Boley and other farms, will be established in the near future if the plans of local sportsmen, backed by Gov. L. H. Hanna, are carried out.

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CRIMINAL GETS FOUR YEAR TERM

Minot, N. D., May 15.—Roth Rorthouse entered a plea of guilty before Judge K. E. Leighton of the district court to a charge of rape in the first degree and was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary. The diabolical crime was committed against a young girl.

The criminal has a vicious record of crime behind him and was the beneficiary of the pardon board's parole. Some time ago in connection with another man he stole an automobile and fled to South Dakota, but was arrested and brought back and convicted. While serving time for this crime he was put on parole and before his parole had expired, committed the crime for which he was sent to prison again.

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front wheel of the buggy and stopped the horses. Mr. Boyd had again fairly seated himself in the rig, when the horses started and seeing himself unable to stop the rampant steeds, Mr. Boyd jumped and in so doing landed on his right foot in a slanting position. This caused the tearing loose of a number of ligaments around the ankle and knee and as a consequence

the injury is a very painful one. He experienced considerable pain in walking to a farm house three-quarters of a mile from the accident, from where medical aid was summoned. He returned to his home Friday via the passenger from Dickey. The buggy and piano were upset in the runaway, however, the damage to both being very slight.

Convinced. "I wasn't able to match that piece of goods for you," said hubby. "I tried six different stores, and they all told me they hadn't had anything like that in stock for five years." "I knew that all the time," said wife. "I just wanted to prove to you that my best dress is hopelessly out of style. You wouldn't believe it when I told you."

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