

## BRIEF STATE NEWS

Pete Penosky, a young Bulgarian, received injuries in the railroad yards at Marmarth last Thursday evening which resulted in his death a few hours later. He was engaged in making a few repairs on a freight car when another string of cars were shunted down the same track and the unfortunate man was caught under the wheels.

Transcontinental automobile tourist travel in 1917, despite the war and all other unfavorable influences, will exceed that of any other year, according to reports received from all points on the National Parks highway. Ideal dry weather during the last three months, it is said, is responsible for the greatly increased traffic on the highways.

Large quantities of liquor brought over the line from Baker, Mont., are being seized by Sheriff Norem in his efforts to make Bowman bone dry. Two Baker men taken in with whiskey in their possession were fined \$100 and costs. The stuff is being brought over in wagons, jitneys, saddlebags, pockets, and other containers, and a very large amount of it is coming in, officials say.

Carl Peterson, assistant ferryman on Sioux Crossing ferry, was drowned last Wednesday night, when he slipped off the ferryboat while poling the boat to the Williams County shore. The water is only about six feet deep where the young man went in but up to the hour of going to press the body had not been recovered. This is the same ferry from which Oscar Stinson plunged to his death in an auto last month.

W. H. Peters, animal husbandman for the North Dakota Agricultural College, advises farmers of North Dakota to hold their feeder cattle and hogs until the corn belt is ready for feed. "Evidence exists throughout the country, that in the last several years there has been considerable selling of breeding stock, especially of cattle and

hogs," Mr. Peters said. "The corn belt farmers are not yet in the market for feeder cattle and hogs, but as soon as the maturity of the corn crop is assured the demands will increase."

Oliver Jacobs, Fargo barber, was arrested by the police last week just as he was in the act of selling a pint of whiskey to a man for \$2, the police state. How many bottles he had disposed of at that price is not known, but the police believe he had been doing considerable business as several drunks have been arrested each day the past week. At a preliminary hearing yesterday afternoon before Judge Roberts in police court Jacobs was bound over to the district court. In default of \$1,000 bail he was turned over to the sheriff for keeping in the county jail. Jacobs served a term in the county jail about a year ago, having been found guilty of keeping a common nuisance, the police records show.

Some unknown but wised-up parties who seemed to have known their business, last Friday night between 10 p. m. and 7 o'clock Saturday morning sawed their way into the store building of the Klotten Mercantile Co. at Klotten and made a haul on the money safe. The combination of the safe was not set but the inner doors were locked. A "jimmy" made short work of these and the robbers got away with about \$500 in cash and stamps. The government officials are now tracing the culprits. Nothing was touched in the store otherwise and no clues have been attained.

While investigating the rubbish at the Sperry shack, at Drake, where the tragedy occurred last week, Chief of Police Duncan unearthed six complete skeleton keys and one partly finished and two files. Further investigation showed that the keys would unlock the postoffice and Wm. Merbach's meat market. The material used in making the keys were common table spoons. The spoon part had been cut off and the upper part of the handle had been filed down to the thickness of night lock keys, with notches of various widths filed down in the end. No clue can be had as to who deposited the keys in the shack.

Ed White, charged with the murder of D. C. Stewart August 20, at Drake, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice T. C. Ellis at Towner Tuesday. The following witnesses were examined: Coroner E. C. Stone, W. R. Duncan, Fred Albrecht, Peter Anton, Robert Schnabel, Otto Stoering and Deputy Sheriff Osjord, G. H. Carson and W. C. Jehnke. The testimony showed that the members connected with the drunken brawl in the Sperry shack, had been drinking considerable alcohol during the afternoon and White, testifying in his own behalf, claims he remembers nothing of the shooting. White was held to appear before the district court and bail fixed at \$5,000, which was not furnished.

Col. Frank White has resigned as a member of the board of regents and C. E. Vermilya of Valley City has been commissioned for the place by Gov. Frazier. Mr. Vermilya is a

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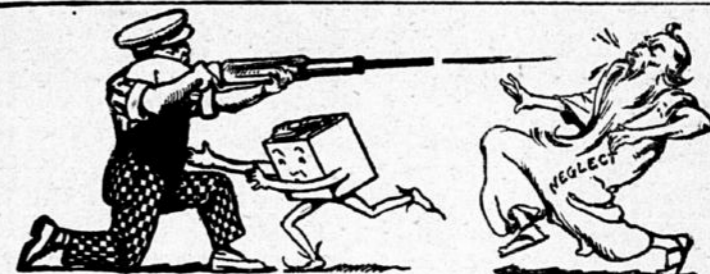
The Two-Million-Dollar Bank

Methodist preacher, and is considered a very good man for the position, except that he is lacking in business experience. The terms of Messrs. Scow and Powers expired July 1. It is possible that these places will be filled with Nonpartisan appointees before long, thus giving the new administration control of the board of regents. L. F. Crawford of Sentinel Butte, is president, while Dr. J. D. Taylor is the other member, having four and two years respectively to serve.

Soldiers of North Dakota are coming forward rapidly and taking advantage of the generous offer made by the North Dakota Historical society to leave their photographs on the records in the office of the society at the state capital. The portraits will be taken free, as the society is anxious to have every member of the national guard and the state's quota of the national army filmed. They will then be given an appointed place in the state archives, and will indicate the character of the class of men who went from North Dakota in "1917" to fight in the world war so "that the world may be safe for democracy." The undertaking, which is an immense one, will take some time, as it is estimated that more than 10,000 faces will have to be photographed. It is, however, proceeding rapidly, the society announces.

Harry L. Pitts of Grand Forks, N. D., claims the honor of holding the record for length of travel in one section for one house. Mr. Pitts traveled in the Northwest, specializing in North Dakota, thirty-nine years for Farwell, Ozmun, Kirk & Co. Recently he left the road to become sales manager for the W. S. Nott company of Minneapolis. In all the years he sold goods for the St. Paul company, Mr. Pitts called on the same customers and when he made his last trip it was a heart-breaking trip. His record, as told by himself is: "I was hired by George L. Farwell of Farwell Brothers in 1877, commenced traveling in 1878 and thought I was smart and a real sport." He is a past secretary of the Quarter Century club and still maintains that he can sell as much goods in a day as any other man.

The old Black Hills trail never carried a more valuable cargo in the days of old, the days of gold, the days of '79, and so forth, with apologies to "the Forty-niners," than does the Red Trail, in this good year 1917, if reports are true. Single cargoes brought by jitney over the Red Trail from Wibaux, Mont., to Bismarck, represent a value of 900 on arrival here, and at least one such cargo, reliable information has it, coming into Bismarck every week in one handsome, seven-passenger, six-cylinder car. The cargo is perfectly good whiskey, costing \$1 to \$1.50 a quart in Wibaux. Here the jobbing price is \$4 a quart, but by the time it gets to the consumer it costs \$5, and they're glad to pay it. One little party recently consumed \$15 worth of this commodity and declared it first-rate red liquor, it is said. A trip to Wibaux and return by jitney consumes three days. The net profit on an average load of 180 quarts is \$450. Traveling by night, it's comparatively safe, according to good information.



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