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AROUND THE STATE

The pump house at the Standard Oil Company's filling station at Lansford was burned last week.

At Tappen, on account of the shortage of harvest hands, due, it is said to many young men being drafted or enlisted in the national armies, many patriotic young ladies of that community wishing to "do their bit" are donning overalls and offering their services in the fields. Their employers assert they are making good, too.

"It's a dirty American trick," shouted Carl Semmler, deposed member of the Mercer county exemption board over the phone to a Stanton man who had taken action to cause Semmler's removal. "Us Germans pay eighty per cent of the taxes of Mercer county and when we want to sit on a board like this, you haul us off," he complained. Carl Semmler, auditor, Sheriff Haevischer and Henry Sagehorn

have been fired from the Mercer county board. In their places are J. A. Harris, staunch American and member of the recent legislature; Dean Heland and Dr. L. G. Eastman.

Following their custom after the death of a chief, the Mandan tribe held a meeting at Council hall, on the Little Missouri river on Saturday of last week and elected Henry Bad Gun as the new chief on the Fort Berthold reservation. Bad Gun is a farmer living near Independence, is 52 years of age and the son of a chief.

Eric C. Johnson, after a somewhat lengthy chase by Sheriff Taylor thru southeastern Montana, was brought to Cando to answer to the charge of desertion and non-support. On his immediate appearance before Justice McIntosh's court he waived examination and was bound over to the district court for \$500. Johnson furnished the bond at once.

Monday morning in South Dickinson, John Liebrinski, an aged man about 68 or 70 years of age, ended his life by hanging himself in the newly constructed house of his son-in-law, Julius Kubista, about nine o'clock. He has three daughters living in the country near Dickinson, and Mrs. Joe Chastey of that city. He also has a sister living on the South Side, the wife being dead.

Ole Engum living about 15 miles south of Schaffer was severely injured last Saturday when a wagon loaded with lumber passed over him. Engum was taking the lumber to his farm from Watford and when some distance out he fell from the front end of the load. He was taken into Watford and his wounds were dressed. Engum had four ribs broken and a slight fracture of the skull.

One of the first duties of the rural teacher in Cass county, on calling school this fall will be to instruct the pupils in fire drill. Because of the dry condition of the country and in view of past disasters in the state from prairie fires, fire drills will be given more consideration than in any previous year. County Superintendent J. W. Riley says it is the business of the local head of the school to arrange for these drills, and that salary cannot be drawn legally until the state law in regard to fire drills is complied with.

WEEKLY HEALTH LETTER

From the State Public Health Laboratory, U. of N. D.

Antitoxin in Diphtheria.

With the present knowledge of treating diphtheria there should be no deaths from this disease if the nature of the ailment is discovered soon after the clinical symptoms become manifest and antitoxin is freely used.

An impression prevails among many people of the state that the use of antitoxin in diphtheria often has a depressing effect on the heart and is consequently dangerous to the patient. This erroneous opinion is often fostered by some members of the medical profession, especially when they have neglected or failed to use antitoxin until the disease is far advanced.

In some few cases the physician have stated that the death was due to heart failure as a result of administering antitoxin. This is not true in any case. Either the physician was not called early enough so that the antitoxin could be administered in the early stages of the disease, or thru carelessness or neglect the physician in attendance did not use antitoxin as promptly as he should.

In every case of diphtheria antitoxin should be used during the first day, if possible. If this is done complete recovery can be assured in practically

every case. The longer the treatment is postponed, the less value it has and the larger the dosage required.

All children exposed to diphtheria should be given an immunizing dose of 1,000 units; for curative treatment in light cases not involving the larynx, if treatment is given on the first day of the disease, 3,000 units will be sufficient. If for any reason the treatment is not given until the second or third day of the disease an initial dose of 5,000 units should be given. If favorable results are not shown within eight hours, the initial dose should be repeated. It is not uncommon to administer from 30,000 to 80,000 units of antitoxin in a severe case of diphtheria.

There is no evidence for the statement that the antitoxin depresses the heart or is dangerous in any stage of diphtheria, and any medical man who does not use antitoxin as soon as the nature of the disease is determined and in all suspicious cases, is not giving his patient proper attention. The public should know that antitoxin is perfectly harmless, and that the free use of this remedy in the early stages will cure diphtheria in practically every case.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

By Congressman P. D. Norton

Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.

The food administration board appointed to fix the price to be paid by the government for this year's wheat crop has been the center of most interest in Washington during the past week. In the beginning of the consideration of the fixing of the price to be paid for wheat, a majority of the board seemed to share the view of Food Administrator Hoover that in the establishing of any fixed price for wheat the welfare and interest of the consumer should be the first consideration rather than that of the producer. Mr. Hoover in his recent conversations relative to the price to be paid by the government for wheat this year clearly shows that his ideas on this subject have been greatly influenced by his long residence among those classes of people who are large consumers of food products, but who are not in any way engaged in the production of foodstuffs. A hundred dollars a ton for steel to the steel trust does not worry Mr. Hoover, but two dollars a bushel for wheat to the farmer who produces it seems to him an outrageous price. It is quite difficult for Mr. Hoover to see the situation fairly from the farmers' viewpoint. It appears almost impossible for him to understand and appreciate the tremendous increased cost of production to the wheat grower that has been occasioned during the past year by the scarcity and high price of farm labor and by the soaring prices of farm machinery and equipment which the farmer is absolutely obliged to use and buy. President E. F. Ladd of the North Dakota Agricultural college, has rendered service of inestimable value in presenting to the board the claims of the wheat growers and in making clear to his fellow members of the board the real cost of wheat produc-

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