

5/8 Grist of the Legislative Mill

PROBE OF STATE ENTERPRISES STILL CONTINUES

Practically every effort at real, constructive legislation, seems to have been swept aside by the industrial probe, which still is in full swing.

The house committee has grilled Cathro, Loftis, Brinton, and many other more or less important witnesses, while the senate, sitting as a committee of the whole, is going over the same ground seeking to bring out points passed up in the house hearing.

The defense of the industrial commission and the Nonpartisan officials of the bank and other institutions is mainly that the program was well under way and would have worked out; that the financial situation in the state was such that the introduction of the initiated law last fall allowing public funds to be withdrawn from the state bank precipitated a crisis. Mr. Cathro points out that when the civil organizations of the state came to the Bank of North Dakota for money it was necessary for the state institution, in turn, to call upon local banks for its redemptions, and this embarrassed local banks, with the result that many were forced to close. The charge of favoritism in the placing of redemptions is vigorously denied, while the questioned methods of capitalization and floating loans are strongly defended as necessary to the functioning of the state program and the maintenance of financial stability in the state.

The Independents charge that extreme partiality was shown in the placing of redemptions, that criminal carelessness, if not worse, was shown in the placing of thousands of dollars of loans to various enterprises throughout the state which heads of the Nonpartisan league were backing, and that, on the whole, the state's funds were spent aimlessly while legitimate and pressing needs were allowed to go unheeded and the treasury was allowed to become so depleted that now the state is hard put to meet current expenses.

It is even hinted by the Independents that a public collection, similar to one or two which have been taken in years past to keep the state university running, may be necessary to keep the state government functioning.

Brinton Arrested for Perjury

Charging perjury on 11 specific counts, Manager F. W. Cathro of the Bank of North Dakota, has caused the arrest of J. W. Brinton, formerly personal representative of President A. O. Townley of the National Nonpartisan league. Mr. Brinton has repeatedly made sensational charges concerning the league, the Bank of North Dakota, the financing of Nonpartisan enterprises, and so on, his most recent testimony in this connection being before the house and the senate investigating bodies in Bismarck.

Brinton was released on his own recognizance for a justice court hearing some time this week.

\$200,000 VOTED-BY THE SENATE FOR MEMORIAL HALL

Memorial hall now holds definite promise of becoming a reality, the senate having passed, after rather a spirited debate, the appropriation of \$200,000 for the building. It is proposed to house the supreme court, the supreme court library, the historical library, the state museum, and the adjutant general's quarters in the new building, the foundation for which already has been laid near the capitol building. The structure would be dedicated in memory of North Dakota's war heroes.

Part of the material for this building already is on hand and the foundation is ready for the superstructure. It is the hope of those who championed the movement that work can be put under way at a very early date. The appropriation measure for the completion of the hall was introduced at the behest of the administration, but the debate did not follow party lines, some Nonpartisans opposing it and others favoring it, while most of the Independents favored the expenditure.

Session Sideights

The bill providing for the election on non-political ballots of state and legislative officials has been reported for passage.

Five hundred dollars for an investigation of the proposed Roosevelt park has been voted by the house.

The house can no longer message bills to the senate, the time expiring this week.

A storm of protest was raised among ex-service men in the state by the senate's effort to have Armistice day celebration coupled with Memorial day on May 30. The house refused to concur in the action.

Three bills aimed to make extensive changes in the state's financial policy were introduced in the house by permission of the committee on delayed bills. One would require all public funds to be deposited in banks within the state; another would change the personnel of the industrial commission, making it to include the state treasurer, secretary of state, and commissioner of agriculture and labor, shutting out the governor and the attorney general. The third measure provides for the establishment of rural credits and farm loans.

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES

Friday afternoon the children of the Model School enjoyed the usual 'movie' show. Three reels of educational films were shown. These pictures are very interesting and at the same time instructive.

A large number of students enjoyed a toboggan and skiing party, Friday afternoon, at the close of school. These outings are very healthful and enjoyable.

Saturday morning the girls of the Dormitory went on a hike. Mr. Mueller lead the expedition through the hills and valleys north of the Normal School. From now on, a hike of this kind will be enjoyed every Saturday morning, beginning at ten o'clock.

Mrs. T. A. Olsen, addressed the Assembly on Friday morning. She chose as her subject "Cluttered Minds", and enlivened her theme with a wealth of original and humorous illustrations.

That story telling can be considered an artistic accomplishment was evidenced Tuesday at Assembly by the charming and entertaining manner in which the Misses Olive Turbett, Frances Stevenson, Olivia Beau and Lila Bradley, members of the class in Primary Methods each presented a story for children.

Mr. George E. Mueller lead a hike by the Boy Scouts on the afternoon of the twenty-first, leaving the Normal at four o'clock. The particular objective was a rabbit hunt. Supper was cooked and eaten in the open air.

The student Y. W. C. A. held their initiation of new members at the regular meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the Association Room. More than forty new members participated in the simple candle ceremony which symbolizes the giving up of self in the service of others. The President, Miss Ruth Halfpenny, presided; while the charge to the new members and a brief talk were given by Mrs. Perrett. Miss Halfpenny welcomed the new members and Miss Ruth Lee gave the response. The Y. W. C. A. will hold their annual Membership Banquet soon.

An evening brimful of entertainment and pleasure was that of Friday, when the All-School Party held sway in the gymnasium. A grand march, a dignified and stately minuet, and other dancing for which music was furnished by an orchestra, furnished part of the evening's entertainment. Various stunts in which the guests were the participants, were made possible through the ingenious efforts of Messrs. Davis and Mueller.

Frappe was served by the Freshmen and Junior girls. The many quaint old fashioned costumes worn by the young ladies with powdered hair lent a truly colonial atmosphere to the party. Much credit for the success of the party is due to Miss Cantwell, the chairman of the social committee.

The Sunday afternoon music hour was given last Sunday afternoon by the Normal school in the High School Auditorium. Mrs. Amy M. Simpson, of the Music Department arranged the program and directed the work of the Orchestra and Glee Club. In addition to numbers by these organizations, there was a violin solo by Miss Veronica Wienecke, a reading by Miss Dorothy Schroer, a trio by Miss Emily Martin, violin, Mrs. Simpson, cello, and saxophone, Mr. George E. Mueller, and two vocal solos by Miss Reishus. The Normal school is grateful to Miss Reishus for her gracious assistance. This varied and well rendered program was heartily applauded by a large and appreciative audience.

The Vestal Literary Society met Thursday evening in the club rooms. The program included the following numbers: Reading by Wanda Reetz; piano solo by Frances Stevenson; Recitation by Cleo Hartman; Duet by Misses Ella Smith and Antonia Klebe; Critics report by Miss Soland.

The Annual Patriotic program of the Model School was held in the Gymnasium Monday morning at 10:15 o'clock. It included contributions by each of the grades, varying from an effective flag drill, thru Patriotic Songs and Recitations to a very delightful little Operetta, "The Origin of the Flag", by the children of Grades I, II, IV and V. Another number deserving of commendation was that by the Eighth grade boys who presented "Reminiscences from the Life of Lincoln". They compiled their contribution from original sources and combined it into an effective unit. Among others who assisted in preparing the program credit is due to Miss Myrtle Zimmerman, pianist; Miss Esther Grimsrud, who taught the first and second grade songs and Mrs. Simpson in general charge of the music.

MISS CHURCH NAMED ASSISTANT TO LEADER

Agricultural College, N. D., Feb. 23.—Miss Eulalie Church, home demonstration agent for Williams county, has been appointed assistant home demonstration leader, in charge of the sewing projects, it was announced at the Agricultural College. Miss Church has been at Williams county since July 1920, coming there from Tioga, N. D., where she was a teacher in the city schools.

Miss Church is a graduate of the University of Missouri with degrees in the liberal arts and education courses, and also has done special work in home economics in the university. She was a teacher in the Missouri and Washington schools before coming to North Dakota.

Miss Moree Lewis of Champaign, Ill., has been secured as county demonstration agent for Williams county, to take the place vacated by Miss Church. Miss Lewis has had special home demonstration work in the University of Illinois.

Mrs. Myrtle G. Cole is home demonstration leader of the extension division, and Miss Inez M. Hobart, assistant in charge of food products.

ALFALFA MEN SELL TEN TONS OF SEED

Agricultural College, N. D.—Ten tons of registered and certified Grimm

alfalfa seed was sold in two lots recently by the Grimm Alfalfa Seed Producers' association, W. R. Porter of the Agricultural College, secretary treasurer of the association announced. Of the amount, five and a half tons goes to the Cooperative Grange-League-Federation association at Syracuse, N. Y., and the remainder to the Michigan Crop Improvement association. The seed was cleaned and tested at the pure seed laboratory at the Agricultural College.

In Memory of Jasper Baker

Salvation Army Headquarters, Kalispel, Mont., Feb. 21. Received the Independent and was made sad by the unexpected news of the departure from our midst of Comrad Jasper Baker, one of the Commanders of Abraham Lincoln Grand Army Post at Minot, that the writer, under Comrade R. W. Davidson, Commander, and Comrade Rolla Morrison,

Quartermaster, served as Chaplain. Both of the above Comrades have long been promoted to the Grand Army above, where all the old Boys in Blue to their Country True will some day pull thru. All our Comrades while upon the tented field rewriting the history of our beloved country in their own blood as did our forefathers for us, answered to the roll call at four o'clock in the morning; but there will be another roll call bye and bye; then in that day of human rewards will the highest crowns of chivalry be laid at their feet. But the remembrance of them lingers here like the exquisite fragrance of sweet flowers. W. H. MANN.

Mrs. Mark Simpkins, one of the early settlers of the Glenburn district, passed away at her home in Portland, Ore. The remains were interred at the former home, Algona, Iowa.

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We are now in possession of definite information regarding prices for Spring and are making our final reductions in all lines. Prices at the Mens Shop have positively been revised

To Conform With the New Low Market

Space will not permit mentioning the different big reductions made during the past week, but a look at our price tags will tell the story more forcibly than we are able to tell it in an advertisement.

The new merchandise which is arriving is not only cheaper than it has been, but the quality is in all instances better. In some instances it is better than we were able to get at any price. The days when merchandising becomes a pleasure have returned, in that we can correctly supply the wants of the most exacting customer.

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