

## Bismarck Notes and Capitol Gossip

### GOVERNOR ALREADY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LAYING PLANS FOR SAVING FOR STATE

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On the surface things are very quiet in Bismarck. The recess of the legislature has offered a breathing spell which has offered an opportunity for considerable gossip, speculation is rife as to who will be the appointees of the board of control but if the governor knows he is not saying anything about it yet.

In speaking of the business side of his administration Governor Hanna expressed himself as satisfied that at least \$100,000 per year of useless expenses can be cut off and cited as one instance the State Railway which maintains a generating plant at the Capitol and which uses fuel hauled by teams from the cars down town. Gov. Hanna would close the plant at the capitol and use the electricity from the prison plant which would save the state probably \$400 per month. This is one of the very many plans he has in mind to curtail expenses in order that there may be funds available to carry on work that is of the utmost importance to the state.

The Governor has a plan that sounds feasible and that is to have a man sent by the state to Ellis Island to meet immigrants of the better class and to bring them to this state and he would even go further and secure for them homes as he thinks there are thousands of men in the state who would gladly furnish stock and machinery and give worthy hard working and honest people a start if the land owner and the new-comer could be gotten together. This is a plan for bringing more actual settlers that will at once appeal to everyone and if carried out will prove of untold benefit to the agricultural interests of the state.

He also has a plan whereby he will try to interest eastern capital in establishing an electric plant at some point on the coal fields where he thinks that it will be possible to generate electricity for the entire state and hopes at a little later date that it may be sent as far as the Twin Cities. The gases from the coal used in the briquetting process would be admirably adapted for this purpose and may be utilized.

There is a shortage of funds to carry on the state business and there are rumors that it will be necessary for the Governor to use his vetoing power to curtail the appropriations and keep them within the reach of the state pocket book. Many are wondering just who or what institution will suffer, but those who are interested in the agricultural interests are not at all worried, as the Governor is in full sympathy with better farming, but it is said that some of those who are on the commissions are getting a little uneasy, however no statement has been made and means may be found to raise funds to take care of all of the demands.

There is a persistent rumor that one of the state officers who has been recognized with the demo-insurgent branch of the party was short in his accounts and that there was a lively scramble for a few days to make good and that while it was going on that the fellow got so low financially before relatives came. To his rescue that his check was protested at his own bank. This of course is only a rumor but careful enquiry seemed to confirm the rumor that something was wrong. It is referred to a repetition of the Bickford affair.

Walt Taylor is in his place and is swamped with work he said there was nothing in the way of insurance news excepting that a company is being formed in Bismarck for the purpose of insuring livestock, the primary purpose of which will be to look after blooded stock. Mr. Taylor like the Governor is looking forward to a very prosperous year for the state and thinks that a great many things will be done in the way of development in this state along manufacturing lines under the present administration.

Judge E. T. Burke is working harder than he ever did on the district bench and from the tone of his voice and general appearance when speaking of Valley City we gathered that he is sorry that he did not remain on the bench in the 5th district. He says that he enjoys being at home most of the time but that the work is much harder. We surmise that he is just homesick, however.

Lew Harrison who is managing the Bismarck Tribune has succeeded in placing that plant on a paying basis and is feeling fine regarding the future outlook. Mr. Harrison is one of the best newspaper financiers in the Northwest and is a clean upright honest clean-cut progressive republican who is as independent as Napoleon

and under his guidance the Tribune will be clean and aggressive along legitimate newspaper lines. There is another daily launched there but it seems to be a joke as it is said on reliable authority that they were financially embarrassed before they even got out the first issue, so there is no doubt but that the Tribune will soon be alone in the field again, as a daily.

The average citizen of the county does not seem aware of the fact that truancy on the part of school children can be heavily visited upon the heads of the parents, yet the law of the state provides this, and two Almost families recently found it out to their cost. One was Nick Mickel, and the other was Peter Dietz, both of whom were fined for allowing their children to remain out of public school without good and sufficient excuse. Superintendent Lorin made a visit to that part of the county quite recently, and found that conditions along that particular line were not as good as might be. The two mentioned were complained against and warrants were issued for their arrest, which was made last Friday by Constable Egge of New Salem. Both defendants pleaded guilty before Justice Templeton of Almost and both were fined \$5 and costs the costs against Mickel were \$3.80 and against Dietz were \$7.80. Both men paid the money and promised to see that their children attended school more regularly in the future. This is something which every parent should attend to, and Mr. Lorin does not mean to stop with these two; carelessness in school attendance is too manifest and should be done away with.

Mesdames L. S. Platou and J. E. Earley entertained Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Platou for the young people in their families at one of the most delightful and unique costume parties ever given in the city. Nearly a hundred children came gowning in rigs representing well known characters in history and verse. George Washington garbed in fancy waist coat and powdered wig, Henry the VIII in all the pomp and gorgeousness of his day, Turkish Sultans in the regalia suited from their clime, Court Jesters, Sailor Boys, Indian Maidens, Spanish Maidens, Scotch Ladies, Hardanger Maidens, Dames and Knights from the seventeenth and eighteenth century, Boy Blue, Lady Pompadour with all the sweetness and grace of her day, Even Co. G. and the Firemen and the policemen in our own city were represented in costume. The guests were received by Miss Lydia Platou, as the Pink Rose, Miss Elaine Platou, as a Fairy, Ralph Platou as Santa Claus, Eleanor Earley as a Poppy and little Miss Florance Earley as a Valentine. The young folks enjoyed the time in dancing and games and the festivities were brought to a close with the serving of refreshments.

The members of the Birthday Club entertained at a Rose Tea Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. T. S. Henry, in the Sheyenne Apartments. The table was attractively centered with a basket of red roses on a mirror surrounded with fancy red hearts pierced with an arrow. The place cards were heart shaped valentines tied with white bows with original verse appropriate for each guest and dainty red receptacles held salted nuts and bonbons. The color scheme of red and white was carried out throughout the menu. Following the tea, bridge was enjoyed and unique favors were awarded to Mrs. Charles Baker and Mrs. T. X. Jones the winners of high and low score. Mrs. Henry was presented with a handsome bunch of roses as the guest of honor.

About thirty friends of Miss Tetra Storer gave her a pleasant surprise Thursday evening when they gathered at the home of Mrs. Margaret Cummings where she resides. The evening's pleasure was games and music concluded with a delightful luncheon service. Miss Storer expects to leave for Norway for a visit, in the course of several weeks, and she was presented with a beautiful ring as a memento of the occasion.

Mrs. George M. Young was the guest of honor on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. J. W. Noxen entertained at her home twelve friends at "503" for her. Mrs. Young has already been the recipient of a number of delightful affairs and will probably be the honored guest at many more before her departure for Washington next week.

Fourteen of the young friends of Miss Olive Rhodes gathered at her home on Normal Avenue Friday evening and enjoyed a delightful time. The affair was a complete surprise for Miss Olive and the time was merrily spent in music and games. A delicious luncheon completed the evening's pleasure.

Miss Eva Coop entertained the members of the Zetwat Sewing Club at her home on Saturday afternoon.

## NEWS OF THE STATE

The chief of police at Bismarck was exonerated after a sensational trial on charges preferred by Superintendent Watkins of the enforcement league.

There was a new game worked at Drake. Peddlers sold cloth to citizens of that town, with the understanding that a tailor was to visit the town and make up the cloth into suits at \$3.50 per suit—and the tailor—oh, he forgot to go to Drake.

The Finley Commercial club, at its meeting a month ago decided to organize Steele county and join the Better Farming association. At this regular business meeting this week a ways and means committee of five was appointed to take up the matter, with power to act, and make arrangements to hold a meeting at Sharon on Friday, Jan. 31, at 1 o'clock p. m., and have invited delegates to come from every town in the county, and undoubtedly the movement will gain considerable momentum from this meeting and an association formed.

Twenty box cars of an N. P. freight train, together with the engine, went into a ditch about three miles south of Pembina. A split rail was responsible for the accident, in which fortunately no one was injured. The freight train was a long one and had a push engine, in addition to the head engine. When the first engine hit the spread rail, it went into the ditch and was followed by the next twenty cars, the rear engine forcing the cars over one another. It was nearly midnight before the wreckage was cleared away. The wreck caused a considerable delay in the time of the N. P. flyer which went through at 5:30.

The fact that contractors are spending money lavishly in order to place grading machinery and supplies on the right-of-way of the New Rockford to Lewiston extension of the Great Northern through this part of the county, is significant. As all the heavy grading material needed for the work in the bad lands south of Schafner, consisting of dump cars, steel rails and steam shovels, is being hauled across country in wagons from the railroad at Williston to the right-of-way, a distance of approximately seventy miles, at a rate of from 75 cents to \$1 per 100 pounds, it is evident that the line will be rushed to completion without regard to cost.

A five day's farmers' institute opens in Carrington Monday. It is being held under the direction of the agricultural department of the Carrington high school and many outside speakers will be here during the meetings to assist the local director, C. W. Nash. The big dinner which has become an exceptional popular feature of farmers' institutes in Carrington will be served Tuesday noon. It will be a big spread, fully up to the high standard already established. The institute meetings will be held afternoons and evenings. The afternoon sessions will be held at the court house; the evening meetings in the high school assembly room.

Jeff Young, 20 years old, is serving a sentence of 12 days in the county jail at Fargo, after having been convicted in Judge Hanson's court of using indecent language in the presence of women. Young was fined \$25 but refused to pay his fine and the court named 12 days as the equivalent sentence. According to the statement of the officers, Young entered the restaurant in connection with the Northern Pacific depot and purchased a cigar. He refused to pay the money to the cashier and when asked for payment said to have used obscene and indecent language.

Petitions were put into circulation at Williston among the voters, asking the mayor and city council to call a special election to vote on the adoption of the commission plan of government for Williston. For some time there has been some agitation along this line with the result that it will be put up to the voters. Already more than the required number of signatures have been obtained. The matter of calling the special election will be brought before the council at the next regular meeting next week. So far little opposition has developed and it is generally conceded that the election will carry by a splendid majority.

Railroad construction on the Berthold Indian reservation between Alexander and the Missouri river has been suspended by order of the Indian agent at Elbowoods. It is charged by the agent that G. N. surveyors have cut timber on the reservation outside the right of way. This matter will be adjusted by the department at Washington and the G. N. Ry. Co. has sent a couple of representatives to Washington to straighten up matters. In the meantime contractor Nelson is obliged to lay in camp his men idle and expenses piling up.

Editor Rearick has sold his interest in the Cooperstown Sentinel to Wm. G. Schannach and O. A. Lee, both printers who have been employed in Cooperstown for some time. On account of having been elected to the office of county auditor this move was made necessary for Mr. Rearick.

Sheriff Ross, acting under an order of Judge Pollock, will padlock the rooms at 71 Fifth avenue north, Fargo, which were occupied by May Brown, now in jail awaiting trial on two charges of selling liquor on the premises. The papers of the court were served on the owners and lessee last night.

The second annual Midwinter Fair of the Lake region came to a close at Devils Lake. The event proved to be most successful. Resolutions were passed urging co-operation with the county commissioners for securing better farming experts in the region, urging the good roads movement and cash payment of road taxes, endorsing the terminal elevator plan to the legislature and favoring the organization of farm clubs.

Brooding over his mother's death, killed by an infuriated bull at Mandan several months ago, Sam Klaschko hanged himself at his home near Raleigh. A 14-year-old girl making a trip to the Klaschko home on an errand found his body hanging from a beam in the residence. The nagging of creditors, together with his mother's death unbalanced his mind. He was 24 years old.

The Great Northern depot at Sharon, N. D., was destroyed by flames according to word received here, the building being a total wreck. The origin of the fire is unknown. Telegraph lines are out of operation as a result of the blaze.

James Eastland of this city suffered somewhat in the snowstorm last night fifteen miles northeast of Grand Forks. He was tipped out of his sleigh and wandered about the prairie all night in 18 degrees below zero weather. He will recover from his injuries.

Three fire proof buildings are already planned for spring building on the Main street of Carrington. L. C. Green will start work at the earliest possible moment on a two story structure, forty-five feet deep. John Gundersen has plans being drawn for both a fifty and a seventy-five foot frontage brick building. J. Buchanan & Sons have temporary plans about ready to be turned over to an architect for a cement building, 50x140 feet, two stories.

The farmers in the vicinity of Fairview may not be able to ship grain from that point this winter. Prospects of an early spring and the destruction of the temporary bridge across the Missouri which will happen when the ice goes out is causing the contractors and Yellowstone bridge builders to use every effort and means to rush material in before that date and gives them no time to devote to grain hauling. The Fairview Times which formerly advised the farmers to hold their grain for shipment from Fairview is now advising them to haul their grain to the railroad points if they must sell this winter. In the meantime wheat has advanced 8 cents per bushel and flax 10 cents per bushel.

Railroad extension activities have been resumed in the northern part of the state. Representatives of both the Great Northern and Soo companies are in the county, securing contracts for deeds of right-of-ways and townships on the proposed extensions of the Crosby and Ambrose branches. The Great Northern will extend the Crosby branch about 30 miles in a west and southwesterly direction, all of which will be in Divide county and will have two good towns and two sidings. The terminal will be about five miles northwest of Stady. The Soo Line extension from Ambrose will cross the county, and extend about 60 miles into Montana. In this county it will add about 30 miles to its present mileage, with three towns and a couple of sidings.

Joseph Kovash, the 17 year old son of Vincent Kovash, was accidentally shot in the head at the home of Frank Kostelsky sixteen miles southwest of Dickinson, Monday. A crowd had gathered at the Kostelsky home to celebrate the occasion of a son's wedding. Wenzel Kostelsky had a six-shooter loaded with blank cartridges which he was discharging; when shooting behind him the wad from one of the cartridges struck Kovash in the forehead between the eyes. His left eye was badly burned by the powder and the right eye affected. He was immediately brought to St. Joseph's hospital in Dickinson, where he is getting along nicely.

Considerable excitement was caused in the vicinity of Sawyer by Carl Eckstrom, who it is said, attempted to shoot up the country in the vicinity of the farm of his uncle, Charles Eckstrom a well known farmer living near Sawyer.

Seventy-one out of eighty-five women in the city of Larimore are opposed to women suffrage. A poll of the women of this city, was taken by Edgar Richter, with the purpose of throwing some light on the sentiment the question being before the North Dakota legislature. Of the 85 women polled 71 declared that they were absolutely against women suffrage three confessed to indifference and only 11 were in favor of it.

The result of his investigation into the snuff evil in North Dakota are set forth by Professor E. F. Ladd in a communication to Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Anderson, president of the North Dakota W. C. T. U. Professor Ladd declares that snuff is one of the greatest evils which is working havoc among the youth of the state. He declares that its sale should be restricted.

"The free discussion of any subject for the purpose of diffusing knowledge among its members" is the object, according to the constitution of the Woman's Improvement league which was organized recently at Berthold. Following the adoption of the constitution and by-laws, officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Mrs. B. H. Pond, president; Mrs. L. R. Colvert vice-president; Mrs. S. J. Hillis, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W. L. McGee, treasurer.

John W. Pope of Minot secured a verdict for \$5,000 damages against the Bailey Marsh company of Minneapolis, the district court jury that heard the case returning such verdict after sixty hours' deliberation. Pope was employed by Bailey-Marsh company in construction of the Soo depot at Minot and was severely burned in an accident, asking \$30,000 damages. The jury went out Friday at midnight and returned at noon today. E. R. Sinkler of Minot appeared for the plaintiff.

Next Saturday has been set by the supreme court for hearing arguments in the appeal taken by Dr. J. J. Riley of Milton from a verdict in the district court of this county, which found him guilty of manslaughter in connection with a criminal operation which he is alleged to have performed. Riley's case is almost identical with the now famous Moeller case. E. R. Sinkler of Minot, who assisted in the prosecution of Dr. Moeller, is in charge of the defense in the Riley case.

Armed with injunction orders issued by Judge A. G. Burr of Rugby, State's Attorney F. Ussrud and Sheriff Sampson were at Velva Saturday and closed up the McKnight and Velva drug stores. Both places were

locked up and the keys turned over to a deputy sheriff. The orders are said to have been secured upon complaint of the states attorney that they were common nuisances.

Governor Hanna declares he will pass up those clamoring for office in making his list for the state board of control, and also that his search for competent men will not be confined to any section of the state but will cover the state at large. It is rumored here that one Fargo man is slated for appointment, but this cannot be confirmed, as the governor will make no announcement until he is ready to refer the matter to the senate for confirmation.

Six more arrests have been made in Morton county for delinquency in paying for seed grain. As reported last week, several farmers in the vicinity of New Leipzig were under suspicion as having dealt unfairly with the county in this matter. The fore part of this week warrants were sworn out before Justice Henke for the following, who are charged with disposing of their grain and not settling with the county for the seed: Carl Kibler, John Reimer, Morris J. Tracy, Dan Treichel, Joseph Wilhelm, John Rosenberg. The dates for trial have not been fixed.

At a meeting of the educational committee with the temporary state educational commission at Bismarck the commission reported little conflict between the university and the agricultural college and such as there is can be removed by a conference of presidents and boards of trustees. It was recommended the university and agricultural college remain under separate boards of control, normal schools under a third, industrial schools under a fourth. In connection with the department of public instruction should be a board of educational advisors to succeed the present state high school board and a board of examiners. The report concluded with the hope the legislature will provide the commission with greater facilities.

Sheriff Barnes and State's Attorney Berndt of Bismarck conducted a raid on the place on Main street known as Hare's billiard hall on a complaint made last evening. A search of the place was made, it is understood, with the belief that there would be found evidences of gambling going on in the place. The pool hall have been conducted for the past several months by Charles Schartow. It has not been learned up to the time of going to press just what, if any, evidence of lawbreaking was discovered by the officials.

John Halverson returned this morning after several days spent in the east attending a furniture show. He admits having bought a splendid line of the newest styles in home furnishings.

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