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CHANGE IN BUSINESS OWNERSHIP

The Times-Record today is able to give a piece of news to the public in the way of a business change in the city, this time it is the Valley City Furniture Company which has changed hands, Mr. C. A. Olsen buying the interest of H. M. Mason, his partner. In assuming the entire business of the Valley City Furniture Company Mr. Olsen feels that he can give the people of Barnes county better service at the same time maintaining the high standard of goods which has made that store a success under his management because he has kept nothing but the best line of everything to be had in furniture. Mr. Olsen came to Valley City in September, 1913, buying a half interest in the present business while H. M. Mason and Geo. A. Fridt owned the other half of the business, later Mr. Mason buying the Fridt interest. For the past five years or more Mr. Olsen has been the active manager of this business, taking it when it was all shot to pieces and by his conservative management and good business acumen gradually building up this business until today it is fifty per cent bigger than when he took the management of it. This speaks well for him we think and he is entitled to congratulations for his success. Mr. Mason has wanted to retire from the business for some time and made the present owner an offer to sell which was accepted and the deal was made a few days ago.

C. A. Olsen has been a friend and neighbor of the editor for 22 years or more, and we have always found him to be strictly conscientious in all his dealings and thoroughly reliable, therefore what we say about him we know to be true. In 1896 he came from Wisconsin to Cooperstown and took charge of the furniture business for the pioneer business man of that city, John Syverson and remained in that store for fourteen years. No better school for business and square dealing could be found than in the store of John Syverson and there Mr. Olsen made good. He then moved to Finley and remained in business there for three years selling out to his partners to come to Valley City to assume the management of the Valley City Furniture Company which he now owns himself. Mr. Olsen for the last fourteen years has been a licensed embalmer and funeral director and is recognized as one of the best in the state. He is not one of these big splurge fellows—he goes at his work and business in a systematic manner and believes in building up slowly and surely. This he has done and this he will continue to do so long as he runs the business. He handles a very fine line of furniture and we believe sells as reasonable as can be sold under present conditions and when you buy from him you know you are getting just what he tells you and value received. The Times-Record wishes for Mr. Olsen all the success it is possible to attain and hopes that his business venture will be a winner. Ben Norgaard, who has been with Mr. Olsen all these years, will continue on at the old stand and we are glad of it. Mr. Norgaard is a very pleasant, painstaking salesman and tries his best to give everybody courteous treatment and good service.

WANTED! ROOM TO READ!

You may have wished that the crowded "movie" would thin out and give you a seat. You may have wondered if the people on the crowded street car had no homes at which they were ever going to get out and thereby make room. But did you ever come upon a public library so crowded that readers sat on the floor rather than not be there at all?

That is the sort of attendance reported from many of the reading rooms in the long list of libraries provided for American soldiers at home and overseas, at the front and in rest camps, hospitals and convalescent camps. That is the sort of welcome the War Library Service of the American Library Association is getting from soldiers and sailors in embarkation ports and on transports and trains, wherever the service extends, and that is very far afield. The consumption of reading matter is enormous, the variety of the requests almost infinite, the demand all the greater now that reduced duties increase the spare time of the men.

That sit-on-the-floor suggestion is no exaggeration. More than one camp librarian reports every seat occupied by readers, others perched on the tables and counters, and the floor likewise in use to full capacity.

Miss Grace Shellenberger, the hospital librarian at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, tells a typical story of conditions there when the influenza epidemic created new complications. She writes thus to the War Library Service:

"The boys learned what time the librarians came on duty and the orderly usually found 30 or more on hand when he came to sweep and dust at 6.45 a. m. We discriminated in favor of the boy on crutches or the one in the wheel chair. Sometimes the man on crutches takes the precaution to telephone because he must have a place to rest after making the effort to get to the library. Frequently they are so tired they fall asleep with head on the reading table when they first get in. By and by they wake up and read."

"Occasionally they resort to strategy to get in. When they think that a man is having more than his share of library comfort, a message comes that he is wanted at the 'phone by a 'Jane' down town, or to sign the pay roll. The bearer of the message promptly pre-empted the vacant chair. One evening the library heard three men planning to put in the fire call to clear out the library. When she demonstrated they said, 'Well, missus, we haven't been in there at all and it

MACDONALD WILL NOT QUIT OFFICE

Bismarck, N. D., Jan. 6. — N. C. Macdonald, outgoing superintendent of public instruction yesterday morning declined to give Miss Minnie J. Nielson possession of the office, contending that Miss Nielson does not hold the legal qualifications required by law to take office.

Attorney General Langer will this morning file mandamus action in superior court, requiring Macdonald to surrender office, and he will fight to keep for Miss Nielson without exception to her on the ground that she is a legally elected official, and such is legally entitled to his services as attorney general. Should Macdonald be ousted in mandamus action, further proceedings are contemplated by him, with the likelihood that action in certiorari would be started as a means of further contesting Miss Nielson's title of office.

When Miss Nielson and her deputy, H. G. Arnsdorf, entered the office this morning, Macdonald immediately informed her that he would not surrender the office. Miss Nielson responded that she was relying upon Attorney General Langer's opinion that she was entitled to the office under her qualifications, to which Macdonald replied that the "attorney general's opinion did not cut any ice with him." At this stage Mrs. Macdonald entered into the conversation, and when her interview of recent date, published in the Forum to the effect that no contest of Miss Nielson's claim to the office would be made, was called to her attention, she replied that it had only been decided last night to make the fight to retain office.

"The constitution fixes the qualifications for superintendent of public instruction, and the legislature is powerless to prescribe additional qualifications or requirements," said Attorney General Langer. "But even if the legislature has such power Miss Nielson has all the qualifications that are required by law, and is entitled to office under either the constitutional requirements or under the statutory qualifications. I shall most certainly carry this case to the limit because Miss Nielson's claim to the office cannot be successfully disputed in the courts."

Miss Nielson said she was wholly relying upon Mr. Langer's opinion and judgment in the matter. Mr. Macdonald told a Forum representative that he was legally bound not to turn over the office to anybody not legally qualified to hold the office.

"I have had hundreds of letters from educators of this state and other states on this subject," said Mr. Macdonald. "If no educational requirements are necessary for the superintendent of public instruction, why do we make requirements for teachers. I am doing this entirely in the interests of higher education. It is a matter that should be cleared up."

Back of today's action by Mr. Macdonald lies deep political significance in the fact that it may mean an open break between Governor Frazier and Langer. Frazier is supporting Macdonald in this movement.

Just what attitude Nonpartisan leaders such as Townley, Lemke and others have taken, is not known positively, except that it is not generally presumed that Frazier has gone into this thing with Macdonald without their advice or consent.

MACDONALD MANDAMUSED

On application of Attorney General Langer the supreme court issued a writ of mandamus against N. C. Macdonald, who yesterday refused to give up his office, compelling that official to vacate the premises and turn the office over to his successor, Miss Nielson. This legally fires Mr. Macdonald from the office and if he wants any further action taken to test the validity of the law he will have to go into the courts with his own case. This afternoon at 2 or 2:30 Miss Nielson with the rest of the state officials, will be sworn in and will start in attending to the duties for which they were elected. The little flurry at Bismarck yesterday has put a little spice and excitement into the capital town and woke that peaceful burg up from its long sleep.

U. S. CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the following positions: Chief Smith-Sears Division, 5,000. District Vocational Officer, \$2,000 to \$4,000. Vocational Advisor, \$2,500 to \$3,600. Placement officer, \$2,500 to \$3,600. For men only; to be held in Valley City, North Dakota on February 4, 1919. These examinations are to fill positions in the office of the federal board for vocational education. A part of the duties of this board are in connection with the rehabilitation of soldiers and sailors disabled in the war. For application blank and further information call on the commission's local representative, Vernon T. Gale at the post office.

The first dance of the 1919 season will be given Thursday night in the K. P. hall. A large crowd is expected and the committee promises everyone a good time.

looks like the nicest place on the Post. Regulations were stretched and those boys from overseas found a seat on the floor."

DEATH OF MRS. HARRY OLSBY

The death of Mrs. Harry Olsby, wife of our popular clerk of court, which occurred at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, came as a distinct shock to the people of Valley City. Mrs. Olsby was a victim of influenza. She leaves a little daughter nine months old as well as a sorrowing husband to mourn her loss. The deceased was the daughter of Mrs. Anne Furgeson of this city. Marie Furgeson was married to Harry N. Olsby on July 31, 1916, and from this union a little daughter was born. Had she lived until Wednesday of this week she would have been 28 years old. The funeral will be held at the Olsby residence for the family at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow (Tuesday) and from the Synod church at 2 o'clock. Rev. C. G. Naeseth officiating. Interment will be made at Woodbine cemetery. Mr. Olsby himself has been sick with the flu for several days but we are pleased to state that he is recovering. This great sorrow coming to him at this time is certainly a hard one for him to bear and the Times-Record joins with the many friends of the family in extending condolences. The loss of his helpmeet and life companion is the greatest affliction that could befall him and in his loss he must bear up under the burden and remem-

M'FARLAND GETS FULL PAY

Bismarck, Jan. 6.—George A. McFarland, former president of the Valley City normal school is entitled to his salary as head of that institution until Jan. 1 despite the protests of State Auditor C. R. Kositzky, is the opinion of Attorney General Langer given the board of regents on the matter Saturday.

Mr. Kositzky recently threatened to collect all money paid to Mr. McFarland through President C. E. Allen of the Normal school from the latter's bondsmen, claiming that since the former president was no longer in office any state money paid him was fraudulently appropriated.

In looking through the law on the matter and in investigating the retirement of Mr. McFarland, Attorney General Langer found that the board of regents entered into a contract with Mr. McFarland promising him the remainder of the years salary providing he tendered his resignation. Mr. Langer in holding that such a contract could not be broken without liability to the state said:

"I desire to direct your attention to the fact that this opinion deals only with the validity of the contract involved. It is not within my province, nor do I express any opinion upon the

GEORGE HOLZMAN WRITES LETTER

Belgium, Dec. 14. Dear Mr. Chamberlain: Received your letter while in, or near Deynze, since then we've moved back toward Dunkirk, France, right now I am almost north of Ypres. It's raining here almost all the time and the mud is a mile deep.

Now that the war is over the time is passing mighty slow for we are all thinking about home, though of course we know it will be a long time before we get there. I've heard they are demobilizing at a pretty fast rate in the camps back there. I think this outfit will be loose by July, we've all got to go back to camp Lewis I understand.

During this winter we will be in France, don't know exactly where yet. Tom Bonhus was with us until about Nov. 1st, when he got sick and I haven't seen him since, he never came to Belgium with us. Bill Anderson is still with us. Believe me he's mighty anxious to get home. Hear Frank Booth is a major now. Glenn Engle got sick from eating a spoiled can of bully beef. I have never been sick and weigh about 160. When I left I weighed 138, how's that for picking up? Wish I knew where Estien is hope he came through alright for we Americans had some pretty hot times and close shaves. I went over the top twice. I wouldn't give a million for my experience, and I wouldn't want to do it again for ten times that.

Wonder what Ray Iverson thinks of the railroads over here. They sure are a joke to me. If the people here ever saw a train run into a town like old No. 3 they'd faint. Am glad they did not take any trains off the N. P. I always said they needed every train they had from St. Paul to the coast. Well I hope to be home next summer I'll have a lot to tell you, good, bad and indifferent.

Always
GEORGE.

BARTHELD-EIDE

A most charming wedding was solemnized Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mikkleson, on Eighth avenue, south, when Miss Charlotte Bartheld, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Mr. Marmaduke Eide, U. S. N., of Valley City were united in marriage. Rev. O. Larson, of Fargo, N. Dak., and uncle of the groom, officiated. The bride was attended by little Miss Marilyn Mikkleson as flower girl.

Preceding the ceremony Mrs. Mikkleson sang "Love's Old Sweet Song." As the bridal party descended the stairs, Miss Florence Hedstrum played the wedding music.

The ceremony was performed in the living room before the fire place which was banked with American flags and poinsettias. The room was lighted by cathedral candles.

The wedding cake with the inscription U. S. Navy, wreathed with tiny American flags, red carnations, and smilax centered the bride's table. Red candles were at either end of the table and places were marked with sailor place cards. Covers were laid for ten. The bride was charming in a gown of pussy-willow satin with opalescent trimming and court entrain. She wore a veil and carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses. Miss Mikkleson wore a dainty frock of white ruffled net over pink satin with bonnet to correspond. She carried a pink satin basket filled with Ophelia roses.

Mr. Eide is detailed as a musician at the Naval Base, Hampton Roads, Va. After his release from the service, Mr. and Mrs. Eide will make their home in the east.

State Inspector of Schools, E. R. Edwards, of Jamestown, was in the city yesterday.

ARLEIGH R. MILLER DIES AT AGE OF 33

Arleigh Russell Miller, widely known in milling circles of the northwest, died yesterday at his home, 2304 Oliver ave. S. He failed to recover from an operation of thyroid tumor two and a half months ago. He was 33 years old and assistant sales manager of the Russell-Miller Milling company. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at Lakewood chapel.

Mr. Miller was born in Valley City, N. D., Dec. 5, 1885. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1910, where he was a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He was married in Dec., 1911, to Miss Ruth Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Barber, 1725 Irving ave. S. For a short time he was representative of the Russell-Miller company at Minot, N. D. He was assistant cashier of the First National bank of Valley City for three and one-half years, leaving there to become assistant sales manager for Russell-Miller in Minneapolis.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Barbara, age 6, and Arlene, age 4; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller, of the Leamington hotel; two sisters, Mrs. Harry C. Fuffington, 3021 Fremont ave. C, and Mrs. Jessie Bosard, Leamington hotel; one brother Leslie Miller of Billings, Mont. His father is vice president of the Russell-Miller Milling company. He was a grandson of the late John Russell, prominent in northwest milling circles.

GETCHELL PRAIRIE

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Harper entertained Mr. and Mrs. M. M. White and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. White at dinner Christmas day.

Mrs. Skidmore spent Christmas with her sisters and mother in Grand Forks. Mrs. J. M. White spent Thursday at the Charles Whiteher home.

Mrs. J. H. Rogers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers and Dorothy and Mrs. Charles Whiteher, Edna and Harriet at dinner on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers entertained Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor at Christmas dinner.

Mrs. M. M. White entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ames, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rogers and Dorothy and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rogers at dinner Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whiteher and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Whiteher on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Wm. Martin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harper, Helen and Miss Lynstel, Mr. and Mrs. Savaides and family at dinner Christmas day.

Mrs. J. M. White spent Saturday with Mrs. Savaides.

Helen Harper returned to school in Fairbault on Friday.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Right Price Mercantile Co., of Valley City, N. D., will be held in the office of the Right Price Mercantile Co. on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1919, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

JNO. J. BECK, Sec.

CARD OF THANKS
We desire to express our gratefulness and appreciation to all those who so kindly came to our assistance during the sickness and death of our beloved wife and daughter and for the beautiful flowers furnished and to Revs. J. S. Wilds and Eugene Nelson for their assistance and the choir. We shall ever be grateful for these kind acts.
—William Godwin,
—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kittleson,
and family.

Statement of Condition	
December 31st, 1918	
Loans and Discounts	\$335,631.40
Liberty Bonds and Treasury Certificates	44,750.00
Furniture and Fixtures	700.00
Cash and due from Banks	190,261.49
Total resources	\$571,342.89
Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	40,884.07
Deposits	480,458.82
Total Liabilities	\$571,342.89
BANK OF VALLEY CITY	

ber that "He who doeth all things well," has removed her from this earthly home to that home above where sorrow and trouble does not abound. Mrs. Olsby was greatly respected by a host of friends all over the county as well as in the city and her death will be keenly felt by these friends.

EARLY SETTLER PASSES AWAY

The Times-Record learns with regret this morning of the passing away last night of Mrs. Patrick Conlon, mother of Mrs. W. J. Curren, of this city, and County Commissioner Martin Conlon, of Eckelson. The deceased was one of the pioneer settlers of Barnes county and has been living near Eckelson for a long time. We have learned no particulars of her sickness which resulted in her death or of the funeral arrangements which will be given later. To those who have lost their best friend, the mother, we offer our condolences.

wisdom of the action taken by the board of regents, and if the state auditor feels that the members of the board of regents have grossly abused the powers conferred upon them by statute, the courts of the state are open to him for a determination of the question, and each member of the state board of regents has filed his bond conditioned upon the faithful performance of his duty."

RED CROSS NOTES

We have an allotment of 500 hospital garments to make in three weeks and it is hoped that every woman who can will give at least one afternoon a week, and more if possible. Do not let the flu-thru-enza germ get into your system. This is probably the last Red Cross work you will be called upon to do for a long time, so please put forth a special effort to be present. No more knitting will be required and we are asking all who have yarn or garments out to please finish and return them by January 20th as everything must be shipped this month.

THE MIDDLEWEST TRUST COMPANY

opened its new home on its Fifth Anniversary
with a total Resource of

\$582,236.74

Below is a comparative statement of the Resources for the five years

Total Resources Dec. 31, 1914	\$140,722.93
Total Resources Dec. 31, 1915	\$226,681.49
Total Resources Dec. 31, 1916	\$331,429.22
Total Resources Dec. 31, 1917	\$398,725.48
Total Resources Dec. 31, 1918	\$582,236.74