



ORGANIZING THE FARMERS

Progress is Being Made in the Plan to Organize the Big Farmers' Trust.

Question as to Whether Sub-Organizations Shall Work as Auxiliaries or Be Merged.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A step towards the consolidation of various state organizations of farmers was taken by the conference of farmers, which has been in session at the Grand Pacific Hotel the past two days.

Several of the delegates were of the opinion that the companies now operating should remain in business under their own names and act as auxiliary companies to the national one.

All were satisfied to leave the subject to the committee appointed to study the situation and solve the problem.

SURPRISED AT MINOT.

Minot, N. D., Dec. 4.—The indictment of Major Murphy by the United States jury at Grand Forks yesterday on a charge of perjury and fraud has caused a decided sensation in this section.

It has been known for some time that a special inspector was taking up the case in which the major had been attorney for a pensioner, and it was supposed that an indictment was sought for her, but, to the surprise of many, the major drew the indictment, and so far the pensioner has not had a bill found against her.

Major Murphy says he was unaware of Mrs. Grinnell's remarriage and only took the matter up out of charity, knowing her to be in need of help, as she had four children to support, all of whom were under 16.

DERIES TIME AND DYNAMITE.

New York, Dec. 4.—"I have lived to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of my lucky escape," said Russell Sage, the dean of Wall Street, today in reference to his escape from death on Dec. 4, 1891, at the hands of a lunatic, who exploded dynamite in the aged financier's office.

It was just twelve years ago today that the financial world and the public in general were startled by the news of the attempt on Mr. Sage's life. On that day Henry Norcross of Boston approached Mr. Sage and demanded several hundred thousand dollars, threatening unless it was immediately paid to drop on the floor a valise he carried and which he said was filled with dynamite.

Mr. Sage did not produce the money promptly enough, and his visitor let the satchel fall. A terrific explosion occurred. Mr. Sage was practically unharmed, the mad visitor was blown into pieces, a clerk named Laidlaw was badly injured and the office was wrecked.

AGAINST THE M'CAMBER BILL

Quay Opposes the McCumber Bill to Give Each State Its Own Funds.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Senator Quay, who is booming the admission of New Mexico as a state, wants not only railroads, but irrigation, and his phalanx will stand solidly in opposition to any such bill as has been introduced by Senator McCumber of North Dakota, providing that the funds raised for the reclamation fund in a particular state shall be expended on irrigation work in that state.

WANTS THE CONVENTION.

New Orleans is a Not Competitor for the Next Republican Pow Wow.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Chicago is to have a new competitor for the republican national convention. New Orleans is in the field and members of the republican national committee have been informed that the city has obtained pledges of \$30,000 to defray the costs of holding the convention there.

GOOD FIGHTS PROMISED.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 4.—Charlie Neary, the Milwaukee boxer who has held his own with Buddy Ryan, Young Mowatt, Eddie Santry and other good men of his class, is scheduled for a try-out against Jack McClelland, of Pittsburg, tonight.

BIG COURSING MEET.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—There are abundant indications that the coursing meet to open at Union Park tomorrow will be the most notable affair of the kind ever pulled off on the coast.

The half hundred or more fleet greyhounds that will compete for the rich stake represent well known kennels of Montana, Texas, Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa and a number of other states.

WILLISTON CRIMINALS

Short Work was Made of the Two Murder Cases at the Williams County Capital.

Woman Who Shot a Man Pleaded Guilty; Man Who Poisoned a Woman Was Convicted.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 4.—Alice Hale, alias Pearl Brown, charged with the murder of Chas. Stiegel, changed her plea from not guilty to guilty of manslaughter in the first degree.

The jury in the Bert Benedict case brought in a verdict of manslaughter and fixed the sentence at fifteen years.

FERGUSON AND JOHNSON.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 4.—Patrons of the roped arena are looking forward to a lively battle tonight when Jack Johnson, the colored heavyweight champion, and Sandy Ferguson, the Boston heavyweight, come together for a twenty round bout.

THE KIRKEL HOME BURNED.

The Explosion of a Gasoline Stove Causes a Loss of Nearly \$600.

The residence of Gustave Kirkel, located near the old building of the Standard Oil Co. west of the slough, was entirely destroyed by fire about 5:30 o'clock last evening.

When the explosion occurred Mrs. Kirkel was engaged in preparing the evening meal on a gasoline stove. The stove exploded without warning, and in five minutes the whole exterior of the house was enveloped in flames.

A VETERAN SAIL.

Commander Stuart, in charge of the naval recruiting station in South Street, New York, has for his chief assistant William Manning, a boatsman who has been a sailor for forty-nine years.

THE MURPHY INCIDENT

Sketch of the Case and of the Woman for Whom the Pension Was Secured.

She Killed Her Soldier Husband in Self Defense by Choking Him to Death.

The Grand Forks Herald has the following: Maj. J. S. Murphy, prominent politician, former government official and a pioneer resident of Minot, has been indicted by the United States grand jury on a charge of perjury.

The indictment was returned to the court at the afternoon session yesterday, and resulted in a flurry of excitement in political and business circles.

Tracy K. Bangs appeared as the attorney for Major Murphy and waived the reading of the indictment. A plea of not guilty was entered, with a privilege of withdrawing the plea.

As a matter of fact Mrs. Grinnell had been married after the death of her husband.

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LIBBY LECTURE SATURDAY.

An Interesting Lecture Will Be Given Here Saturday Afternoon.

F. J. Thompson, Librarian: Saturday afternoon, Dec. 5, beginning at 3 o'clock, Professor Libby, of the University of North Dakota will give his famous lecture on birds in the Blue Lodge room of the Masonic Temple.

No admission will be charged. In order to carry on the work it is necessary that the children be furnished suitable books, and at present the library is able to furnish only a small part of what we should have.

We hope to see the lecture well patronized by the children, and parents, if they desire to attend.

ARM AMPUTATED.

Ellendale Record: The condition of Miss Anna Kronschnable, who is under treatment at the Edgeley Hospital, became so serious last week that it was found necessary to amputate her arm.

KNIGHT-SHELDON PARTY.

Some ninety couples braved the storm Thursday night to attend the dancing party given by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Knight and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Sheldon in Pirie's Hall.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

At the First Baptist church, corner Eighth Street and First Avenue South, during the month of December, Rev. S. A. Hayworth will deliver a series of sermons on "Why More Men Are Not Christians," as follows:

December 6—"A Governor's Reason, or A More Convenient Season." December 13—"A Greek Scholar's Reason, or We Will Hear Thee Again." December 20—"A King's Reason, or Almost Persuaded." December 27—"A Commercial Man's Reason, or Enlarging the Barns."

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Page, N. D., Dec. 3.—To The Forum: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Worley, who were married about ten days ago at Fargo, are visiting friends and relatives here.

Mrs. S. S. Hasbrook was on the sick list the fore part of this week but is better now.

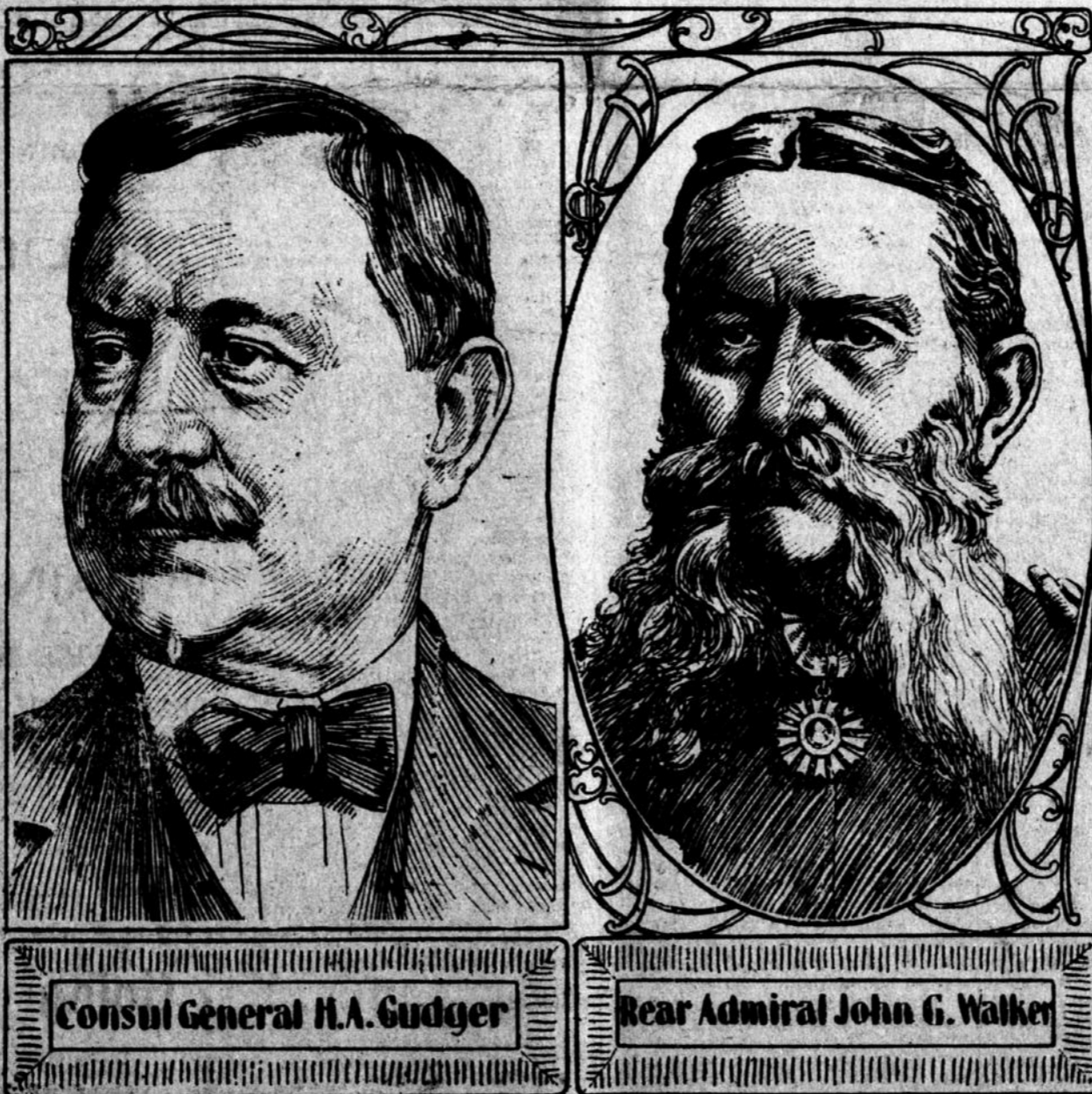
The dinner and supper given by the ladies of the M. E. Church Thanksgiving day was a success both socially and financially.

Yesterday rain, and today a blizzard! Who says we who live in North Dakota don't know what a change of weather is.

Frank Stinson came down from Hope Tuesday and stayed one day with his family who live here.

The wedding of Miss June Parsons and Thos. Pierce took place at noon Thanksgiving day at the home of the bride, Rev. C. C. Williams officiating.

The Thanksgiving ball given in Cook's Hall was largely attended. The music furnished by Messrs. Alexander, Ellsworth and Courtney, accompanied on the piano by Miss Milligan of Hope, was fine and is receiving unlimited praise.



Consul General H.A. Gudger

Rear Admiral John G. Walker

TWO PROMINENT FIGURES IN THE PANAMA COMPLICATION.

H. A. Gudger, consul general of the United States to Panama, who, with Rear Admiral John G. Walker (retired), is now on the way to the isthmus in the president's yacht, Mayflower, will have charge of negotiations with the new republic.

CZAROWITZ IS TWENTY-FIVE.

The Possible Ruler of Russia Now a Birthday He is Ambitious.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—Religious services were held throughout the empire today in celebration of the twenty-fifth birthday of Grand Duke Michael, heir apparent to the throne, who was born Nov. 22, O. S. (Dec. 4), 1878.

Notwithstanding the fact that he appears destined to become the czar of all the Russians the Czarevich is probably the least known publicly of any of

the members of the imperial family, and it is difficult to realize that the frail, sickly youth, who was never expected to reach manhood, is now 25 years old.

The grand duke is the third son of the late Czar Alexander III., and as a youth he gave promise of a useful future, though his elder brother, Grand Duke George, heir apparent to the throne, naturally came in for a larger share of public notice.

He is said by those intimates acquainted with him to be a typical Russian in appearance and habits of mind.

As he has grown older he has likewise grown stronger and more robust and is said to resemble his father much more than does the present czar. This resemblance has won for him a high regard from the Russian people who have never become reconciled to the idea of being ruled by a little man such as Nicholas II.

As yet the young grand duke is believed to be heart whole and fancy free though rumor has had him betrothed to Princess Margaret of Connaught and several other of the eligible princesses of Europe.

WITHSTOOD THE FLAMES.

Cary Safe Passes Through the Ordeal Remarkably Well.

Fargo, N. D., June 16, 1893.—Cary Safe Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Gentlemen: I was the fortunate owner of a Cary Safe Co.'s safe, and am pleased to say that during the time I was the possessor of said safe I was well suited and satisfied with it.