

# AS THE EDITORS SEE IT

## Have The People Been Buncoed?

In an editorial last week The Chronicle made reference to the rumor that M. N. Johnson had practically agreed with Alex. McKenzie to turn his share and interest in the federal patronage of the state over to McKenzie's first lieutenant, Senator McCumber. Now comes the Lakota Observer, which has always been classed as a stalwart paper, with the story of a recent gathering of old time gangsters in St. Paul, together with the quoted statement of one of McKenzie's friends that Johnson "has agreed in writing to turn all the patronage that he will have at his disposal over to McKenzie and McCumber." The article from the Observer follows:

"A gentleman residing in the western part of the state who was in St. Paul the latter part of last week informs The Observer that the scene at the Merchants Hotel when he was there was a reminder of former days when the political affairs of North Dakota were settled in its lobbies. Any doubt as to whether Alexander McKenzie is still a power in the politics of the flickertail state would be banished from the mind of anyone who saw the gathering there Wednesday and Thursday of last week. In consultation with Mr. McKenzie were among others: Cash Hammond of Ashley, Lee Pettibone of Dawson, U. S. Marshal Shea of Fargo, Col. Vic Noble of Bottineau, Senator McCumber, and C. N. Frich of this city, M. N. Johnson's campaign manager. The principal question under discussion was, evidently, the senatorial contest.

"According to the statement of these men, who know the game from a to z, there is little room for doubt that M. N. Johnson will succeed H. C. Hansbrough as U. S. senator. Senator Hansbrough's candidacy for reelection was not taken very seriously. It is said the senator's personal following is very small, and if he expects to receive any aid from McKenzie he will be badly disappointed. The prediction that Alex. McKenzie and the "old gang" would desert M. N. Johnson as soon as Marshal's defeat had been accomplished will not be fulfilled. A reason for this may perhaps be found in the statement made by one of McKenzie's most trusted lieutenants that "Johnson's election assured, as he has agreed in writing to turn all the patronage that he has at his disposal over to McKenzie and McCumber." McKenzie can hardly be expected to forego this opportunity to secure the power to dictate all the important appointments in North Dakota for the next six years, and the probabilities are that the verdict at the polls will be ratified by the next legislature, and that the next few years will see such a machine built in North Dakota as will cause even the machine builders of Pennsylvania and New York to open their eyes."

### School Notes

Bert Stuart who has been working on the telephone line for the past few days entered school again Monday.

Lee Johnson and Robert Walker were among the new pupils enrolled this week.

Maude Lawrence and P. O'Brien were school visitors Monday.

The Courtenay high school basketball teams went to Valley City Saturday. Not long ago the Normal requested games and promised Courtenay, who is playing basketball for the first season, that the Normal would play their second teams. When the games were called Saturday the Normal first teams were placed upon the floor. In spite of remonstrances the Normal insisted upon their lineup. Rather than continue the controversy the Courtenay teams, who were there to play ball, went on the floor and despite the fact that heavy odds were against them put up two splendid games. The Normal is perfecting its reputation for crookedness in school athletics. Jamestown played the Normal recently and claims that they did not get a square deal. The Valley City high school

will not enter into athletic contests of any kind with the Normal. Courtenay would not have a word of complaint had the Normal line up been made up of second team players with the exception of one or two first team players. But to make it first team as near as possible, after promising first that they would use only second teams and later second teams as near as possible, seems unjustifiable. Courtenay did not go expecting to get the games but they did expect fair play. The final scores were 24 to 3 in favor of the Normal girls and 31 to 7 in favor of the Normal boys. The Courtenay young people were put to the test Saturday and proved good. The morning passenger was four hours late; the late dinner at the Kindred was not very filling; the First team proposition at the Normal was not at all what they were expecting—yet through it all their behavior was the best and that spirit of cheerfulness was maintained which makes the most of every circumstance whether it brings victory or defeat. Miss Hutchinson missed the morning passenger but came down on the afternoon freight, arriving just in time for the games.

School closes the Friday before Christmas, December 18th. There will be a holiday vacation of two weeks.

The following are the names of those in the grades having perfect attendance for the month of November:

#### 1ST GRADE

Morris Green	Gotlief Klubofski
Julia Kupka	Louise Lilley
Einer Peterson	Arnold Saxerude
Clara Tucker	Inith Walsh

#### THIRD GRADE

Robert Beach	Willis Farries
Oliver Offadahl	Ruth Robinson
Ralph Wilson	Roman Kupka
Percy Murdock	

#### FOURTH GRADE

Merritt Hoffman	Stephen Olson
Lawrence Peterson	William Plourd
Alice Walker	Earnest Boyer
Wallace Berg	Ella Kupka
Agnes Walker	

#### FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES

Wesley Atchison	Stella Beach
Roy Johnson	Hilda Larson
Frederick Lilley	Orson McWethy
Belle Olson	Lelia Posey
Hugh Ryan	Blanche Smith
Madeline Tucker	Norman Tucker
Jennie Turner	Audrey Wilson
Evelyn Murdock	Arthur Oxenrider
Ellis Oxenrider	

#### SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE

Myrtle Eagles	Clarence Fosholdt
Mae Parsons	Cecil Smith
Gertrude Syvertson	Anton Berg
Ace Oxenrider	Lulu Barker
Agnes Beach	Hattie Beach
Veda Hanon	Sarah Horn
Harry Posey	Robert Turner
Floyd Wilson	John McWethy
Mable Hellmund	Lloyd Shortt
Arthur Nelson	

### Bank Report

No 6210.

Report of the condition of The First National Bank, at Courtenay in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts	.....	\$ 81,697 42
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.....	1,358 11
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	.....	6,500 00
Bonds, securities, etc.	.....	2,178 29
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	.....	\$ 5,815 00
Due from National banks (not reserve agents)	2,769 97	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,124 95	
Due from approved reserve agents	29,403 06	
Checks and other cash items	209 59	
Notes of other National Banks	235 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	53 63	
Specie	7,672 15	
Legal-tender notes	1,750 00	43,217 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	447 39	325 00
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>\$141,092 57</b>
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid in	.....	25,000 00
Surplus fund	.....	5,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	.....	4,009 88
National Bank notes outstanding	.....	6,500 00
Individual deposits subject to check	61,730 70	
Demand certificates of deposit	1,856 23	
Time certificates of deposit	35,995 77	100,582 69
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>\$141,092 57</b>

State of North Dakota, county of Stutsman, ss.

I, Loran Nichols, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Dec., 1908. Rollef Berg.

Notary Public, Stutsman county, N. D. [Seal] My commission expires April 3, 1911.

Correct—Attest: C. H. Ross, C. H. Davidson, Jr., H. K. Wheeler, Directors.

### Bank Report

Report of the condition of the Stutsman County Bank at Courtenay, in the State of North Dakota, at the close of business Nov. 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and discounts	.....	\$ 60,134 74
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.....	448 82
Warrants, stocks, tax certificates, claims, etc.	.....	200 00
Banking house furniture and fixtures	.....	6,749 52
Other real estate	.....	1,462 86
Due from other banks	\$16,453 83	
Checks and other cash items	447 39	
Cash	5,683 08	22,584 30
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>\$ 91,580 24</b>
LIABILITIES.		
Capital stock paid in	.....	\$ 12,500 00
Surplus fund	.....	1,500 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	.....	1,494 13
Individual deposits subject to check	56,867 67	
Demand certificates of deposit	1,650 38	
Time certificates of deposit	17,566 56	
Cashier's checks outstanding	1 50	76,086 11
<b>Total</b>	.....	<b>\$ 91,580 24</b>

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, COUNTY OF STUTSMAN, ss.

I, Geo. E. Berg, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December, 1908. Rollef Berg.

Notary Public, Stutsman county, N. D. My commission expires April 3, 1911.

Correct—Attest: George E. Berg, P. R. Sherman, L. H. Larson, Directors.