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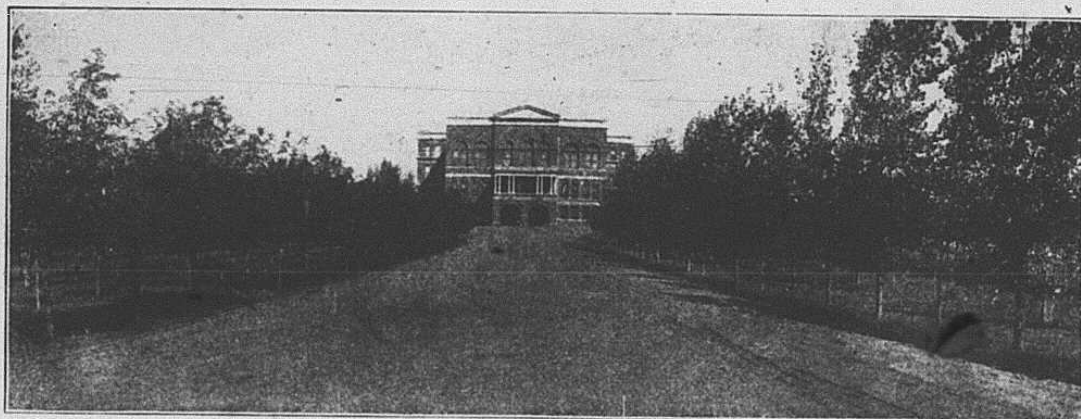
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## HISTORY OF NORTH DAKOTA

**T**HE present era is one of mutations and surprises. Preconceived notions of the ill-conceived sort continually give place to better conceptions. Air castles of the dreamy kind topple and tumble in the presence of advancing development as towering monuments reel and crash under the earthquake's shock. In evolution old forms pass away and new ones succeed them in the pro-

and rapid than it has been in most of the older states, rock-ribbed and hill-bound, stiff in clay and soft in mud and swamp, majestic in forests of sturdy oaks, saccharine maples, tall sycamores, shaggy hickories, slender ashes, bowery basswoods, fruitful walnuts and butternuts, all of which must be felled and destroyed, root, branch and trunk—a most discouraging problem to face



*Capitol Building of North Dakota, Located at Bismarck*

cess of development. Often, at first, we see as through a glass darkly, afterwards we see things as they are. The swinging pendulum of speculation and imagination, deprived of the motor power of anticipation and hope, swings to and fro more and more feebly until it finds repose and equilibrium in dismal failure. Wise intelligence and indomitable perseverance can brush away cobwebs of doubt and fear which effectually veil the future against the unwary and timid and will meet and grapple with probable conditions and wrest success from them.

History repeats itself. Its repetition in the activities of the land of our adoption is more facile

before the soil tiller can enter upon the scene with drill and binder to plant the seed and reap the crops on which the prosperity of a people rests. All this having been accomplished, the time has ripened when, under such conditions of root, stump and timber, their vitalities and energies expended in the development of their little domains, the actors pass from the stage of action, worn out with long tussle and struggle with tough propositions, leaving the rewards of their industry and of "lives well spent" to those who come after them.

Not so in North Dakota. No such struggles and expenditures of life's sinews, to fell and burn forests before fields can be utilized, have been ex-