

# THE ALMONT ARENA

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Price, Per Year \$1.50

H. E. BECKLUND, CASHIER. G. H. ANDERSON, ASST. CASH.

## Farmers State Bank

CAPITAL \$10,000.00  
Almont, North Dakota

This bank has the organization and the connections to enable it to be of service to every one within its territory and on these grounds solicits your business, promising in return fair and courteous treatment and the best terms that are consistent with sound banking.

We make farm loans.  
Insurance in reliable companies.  
Five per cent interest paid on time deposits. Interest compounded semi-annually.

## Apples! Apples!

### Just Received

at  
**\$1.50**  
a Box!

Grain sacks 25 cts  
Groceries of all kinds. Give us a call. Watch this space next week.

**G. A. Knutson & Co.,**  
Almont, - - - North Dakota.

## SPECIAL FURNITURE SALE

on a full line of Household Goods.  
Having bought the A. F. Dietz stock of Furniture I will sell the same at greatly reduced prices.  
Mattresses ranging from \$3. to \$15.  
Iron Beds " " 2.50 to 25.00

A full line of bed springs, rocking and dining chairs, steel and upholstered couches, davenport, dressers, chiffoniers and numerous other splendid bargains in furniture.

See our fine line of rugs. We are having a special on Wilton rugs. Also Linoleums at lowest prices. It is best floor covering for diningrooms and kitchens. It will last for 10 years, and for cleaning it requires only to be rubbed lightly with a damp cloth. O. V. S. have some very fine picture molding to frame your photos and prints.  
Make our store your rest room when shopping in town.

I am also a Licensed Embalmer.

**Opening Harness Sale**  
A full line of harness goods at very low prices.  
If you need a set of harness for next spring you can save at least \$5.00 per set by buying this fall as the price of leather is steadily advancing and promises to be higher next spring. Our Hand Made harness is a specialty which we GUARANTEE to last TWICE as long as a set of factory-made harness.  
A full line of horse blankets at prices from \$1.00 to \$4.00. Strap work at reasonable prices, and repairing promptly done.  
We solicit your patronage.

**A. B. Reif**  
Dietz Block, - New Salem, - North Dakota.

### Local Miscellany

George Spitz of Bismarck, who has been in the Almont office for the past few days, was in Almont, Friday, in the interest of that concern.

Isn't it somewhat strange, when an amount of faith politicians have in all kinds of advertising when it is obtained for a little "hot air" isn't it peculiar how little good that same kind of advertising does when pay is asked for? Now, just think about that for a little while and figure out why so many bills are railroaded thru the various state legislatures for amendment of a free press.

Arthur Weaver of Carl spent a few hours in this village the first of the week.

C. C. Coppola, the candy maker, of Bismarck, was an Almont business visitor Friday.

Mrs. F. Holritz spent a couple of days at Bismarck the fore part of this week.

A dance is to be given in the big hall this evening and a good time is promised those who attend.

H. J. Tavis and son were Almont visitors, Monday night.

Mauger Shuman of the Bismarck Telephone exchange, spent a few hours in this place Thursday afternoon. He returned home the same day.

The first of this week Hon. F. D. Hellstrom, democratic candidate for governor, spent a couple of hours calling on the citizens of Almont, in the interests of his candidacy. However, he while very courteously received, was very little encouraged as all on whom he called were republicans.

W. C. Badger, Charles McHardy, John I. Rovig and Ed Mork, all republican candidates for county office, spent a few hours in this place Friday afternoon, drumming up votes. All feel confident of election and also of the whole state ticket so far as the County of Morton is concerned. They left for other points late in the afternoon.

W. G. Clark formerly proprietor of the Merchants Hotel, but now of Chicago, arrived in Almont the latter part of the week, and is looking after business matters here.

William Thiele of New Salem, spent several hours in this place Wednesday afternoon.

Ask for votes in the Clayton and contest at A. Timmermann's.

Threshing is progressing nicely during the fine weather we are at this time having. If a few more nice days are given us, the grain in this section will nearly all be threshed and in the granaries.

Editor W. R. Hall of the Glen Ullin News was a business visitor in this village Tuesday, and while here made arrangements for a big meeting to be held here Tuesday evening, October 29, for the purpose of discussing County Division in all its phases. Rev. Mr. O'Connor of Raleigh will be the principal speaker of the evening. Other prominent men will take part in the discussion, and an invitation for all to take part if for or against division, is extended. This, is a most important matter and one every one should consider and investigate thoroughly before casting a vote for or against division.

Mrs. H. M. Silvernail who has been visiting relatives at Taylor for the past week, returned to Almont, Wednesday.

A. M. Johnson of the Heart River neighborhood was a business visitor in this place the latter part of the week.

Hon. J. Nelson of Glen Ullin, a candidate for state senator from

### Kenvon Killipings

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Johnson called at the home of A. M. Johnson Sunday.

Kennedy and Miller finished threshing their line this week.

Ward has been received in the vicinity of the arrival of his daughter in the home of Mrs. and Mrs. John Dunn of Almont, S. Dak. Mrs. Dunn was formerly Miss Rena Johnson of this vicinity.

Howard Ralph has been assisting at the Croft farm this week.

Mrs. Croft and daughter Gladys left for Webster So. Dak., Wednesday.

Ed. Tibbears made a trip to Almont the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Lein called at the home of A. M. Johnson Wednesday evening.

### Heart Happenings

Messrs. Lien and Broten were Almont shoppers last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anton Johnson were guests at the home of A. M. Johnson Sunday.

Arthur Weeks made a business trip to Mantlin Tuesday returning Wednesday.

Samuel Anderson who had his hand quite badly cut in the Miller Threshing machine is getting along nicely.

English Service and Sunday School are being held at the Weeks school-house - No. 1 - every Sunday. Sunday School at two o'clock and Service at three o'clock P. M. by Rev. Mr. Penton.

Mrs. Richardson who has been here for the last two weeks visiting friends and relatives, returned to her home at Mandan last Thursday.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson visited with Mrs. Lien Sunday last.

Harvey McJowell called at Anton Johnson's Sunday.

### SIMS SIDELIGHTS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sims spent Sunday with relatives in town.

John Lane Sundayed at Sweet Briar.

Mr. Theo Hanson and Miss Inca Sims drove to New Salem to do some shopping last Saturday.

Last Thursday about eleven o'clock in the forenoon a fire started near the N. P. tracks about half mile east of Sims and for awhile it looked as though several farmers would be burned out. The wind blew very strong from the westerly direction and the fire spread very fast that it would have burned a home to keep out of the way. Luckily a large park of trees which was swept by the fire, had been moved during the summer and this greatly assisted the firemen in their efforts to contain the fire. About three sections of grain land was burned however, but the fire was quickly extinguished.

Ernest Wester of Glen Ullin spent a few hours with friends in town last Sunday.

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## STATIONERY

If writing for business or for pleasure the MATERIAL used plays an important part. GOOD stationery pleases the party to whom you write as well as yourself.

We have a choice line of "classy" material and the prices are right.

Drop in and see!

**The Almont Pharmacy**  
Dr. W. T. GAIN, Proprietor  
Almont, North Dakota.

## Stop!!

Then come and see our stock of

Hosiery  
Blankets  
Comforters  
Underwear  
Overalls  
Jackets  
Pants

F. HOLRITZ SR. ALMONT, N. D.

Get your mail orders from

**G. H. ANDERSON**  
United States Commissioner  
Glen Ullin, North Dakota  
Almont, North Dakota

Just Received and placed on our shelves a large shipment of MEN'S Work and Fancy Dress Shirts. And also a line of Overalls and Jackets. Come in and examine them.

**O. G. ELLINGSON**

DR. CALDWELL'S GUIDE TO GOOD HEALTH

The natural tendency of people to this day...

Dr. W. R. Caldwell says that if the bowels are kept regular...

TEMPORARY POSSESSION.



Willie—it's all right, Granpa, I'm just kidding...

JUDGE CURED, HEART TROUBLE.

I took about 6 boxes of Dods Kidney Pills for Heart Trouble...

Will and I found Dods Kidney Pills and you may publish this letter if you wish...

Constipation Vanishes Forever

Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS...

Go South, Young Man

Don't Freeze to Death Trying to Make a Living. Go to Mississippi or Louisiana...

North Dakota News

Latest Happenings Gathered in the Flickertail State.

WORK FOR INTERURBAN.

Campaign to be Started for Line Linking Fargo and Lakes.

Fargo.—An electric interurban rail road connecting Fargo with Detroit, Minn., is being urged by the Fargo Commercial club...

STUDENTS GO BACK.

Thrashing Well-Advanced, Labor Crisis Prolonged.

Fargo.—Over 100 high school students are returning to the city to begin their work again...

DAKOTA EXHIBITS.

Will Help Make Products Exposition Best in Country.

Minneapolis.—The excellence of the exhibits at the North Dakota industrial exposition at Bismarck...

THRESHING NEARS END.

Work Around Grand Forks Will Soon Be Finished.

Grand Forks.—Only about 10 per cent of the grain raised in Grand Forks county this year remains in stock...

INTERURBAN IN MINNESOTA.

Fargo.—Negotiations are under way for the Fargo Commercial club and the St. M. Pillsbury...

Fargo.—Four towns will contend for the permanent seat of Divide county at the election next month...

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Conducting reports come from various sections of the state in regard to the amount of work done...

While several of the southern counties report the work as far along as any county in the state...

The bulk of the unthreshed grain is in the northern counties. Ward, Burke, Large and Cavalier counties report large unthreshed areas...

While there is still a shortage of labor, the situation is not critical. Unthreshed grain is in the hands of the farmer who will probably be no loss in unthreshed grain...

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BUDED OF HOMES

HOW REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS HELPED AMERICAN CITIZENS BY LEGISLATION.

SPLENDID RECORD OF YEARS

What His Creative Work He Checked by Democratic Legislation.

No phase of all the constructive legislation by the Republican party...

From the days of the homestead law in 1862, in the hands of the Republican party has been continued with patriotic persistency...

Not only has the party created these favorable conditions and established laws for the benefit of the farmer...

The people—the masses—in the United States are better off today than they were in any other country...

Protection has been our national policy with a few temporary interruptions from that day to this...

Are the people of America really satisfied to maintain these conditions of home and country and the future...

The workman has a good many jobs to do. He is not only a worker but a citizen...

Our Democratic friends are telling us how much they are doing for the farmer...

There is abundant evidence of the strength of the Republican party...

Lower Prices, Lower Wages. Our Democratic friends are telling us how much they are doing for the farmer...

SUCCESS FOLLOWS JUDICIOUS FARMING

IN WESTERN CANADA IT IS CERTAIN.

The story of the big farmer in Western Canada is the story of success. It has been made in the growing of grain...

Then, there is the farmer who has bought large holdings in Western Canada, in either Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta...

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FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

Are Rich in Curative Qualities FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, AND BLINDNESS.

WE GIVE ONE PEOPLE FOR ONE ONE OF THE BEST OF THE CURATIVE QUALITIES OF FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS...

READERS

Of this paper desiring to buy any of the advertised goods...

Fargo Directory

Fargo Conservatory of Music

FARGO COLLEGE

STONE PIANO COMPANY

MONUMENTS

Fargo Tannery

W. B. Farnish Positions

SHIP YOUR HIDES AND FURS TO WOOD

TRUNKS

WE MAKE IT EASY

WE PAY HIGHEST CASH PRICE

Cut Flowers

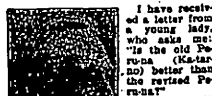
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DAKOTA WELDING & MFG. CO.

PRIDE OF DAKOTA

OPERATIONS UNNECESSARY

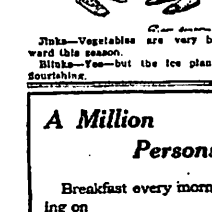
Pe-ru-na and Ka-tar-no



I have received a letter from... who asks me: 'Is the old Pe-ru-na (Ka-tar-no) better than the revised Pe-ru-na?'

Either medicine... is adapted for one condition... Pe-ru-na is a better remedy for some conditions than Ka-tar-no.

At the Opera. 'That singer has a powerful voice.' 'I should say so. I can't hear myself speak when he's singing.'



A Million Persons Breakfast every morning on Post Toasties. Suppose you try the food with cream and sugar, as part of breakfast or supper.

ALLIED FORCES WINNING BATTLE

BULGARIANS TAKE SEVERAL POSITIONS AT THE POINT OF THE DAYONET.

SERVIANS DRIVE TURKS

Routed Army Pushed Across Murava Valley—Greece Victorious in Four-Hour Battle of Mt. Olympos.

Sofia, Oct. 22.—The Bulgarians for several days... have been forming the outer line of the front... They took 100 prisoners.

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SENATOR BRIGGS



Frank O. Briggs, former United States Senator and Republican candidate for re-election, is seriously ill in Philadelphia.

Taft Says He Sees Victory

Based Opinion on Increasing Assurances.

Given Out Statement and Figures Showing Prosperity of Nation. Beverly, Mass., Oct. 21.—President Taft issued a statement...

Turks Flies Before Greeks. Athens—After a four-hour engagement the Greeks Saturday dislodged the Turks from the strategic positions...

100 STORY BUILDING. Case Gilbert, Noted Architect, Says It May Come. London, Oct. 21.—Case Gilbert, former president of the American Institute of Architects...

Foreign Trade Flourishing. Then look at our foreign trade. A favorite Democratic argument is that Republicans build up and cultivate the home market...

Officials Questioned by Dis-Little Falls, N. Y., Oct. 21.—Governor Dix took a hand in the dispute between the local authorities and Bonavia...

GREAT OPPORTUNITY



Badly Burned on Leg. 250-Fuller St., Chicago, Ill.—My two-year-old daughter (tipped) a bath of hot water on her leg between knee and ankle...

At a Distance. 'The certainly tries to obey her mother's injunction not to let the young man get too near.'

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Serious Luck

An old Englishwoman, who was extremely stout, was making vain efforts to enter the rear door of an omnibus...

Important to Mothers. BRONCHITIS (Croup) every bottle of CARTER'S is a safe and sure remedy for infants and children...

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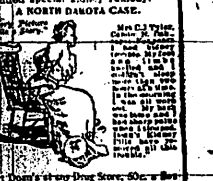
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HARD FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

It's hard enough to keep house in perfect health, but a woman who is weak, tired and suffering all over the time with an aching back has a heavy burden to carry...



Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's Kidney Pills. Doan's Kidney Pills.

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W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES. \$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$4.50 \$5.00 \$5.50 \$6.00. THE STANDARD OF QUALITY FOR OVER 30 YEARS.

GENUINE BULL DURHAM SMOKING TOBACCO. The popularity of Bull Durham is not confined to any one section. It is smoked everywhere...

Vertical text on the left margin containing various small advertisements and notices.

**ALMONT ARENA**  
ALMONT, NORTH DAKOTA.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY BY  
THE ARENA PUBLISHING CO.  
ALMONT, NORTH DAKOTA

**TERMS.**  
Subscription Price (In Advance) - \$1.50  
A1 Half of Year - - - - TWO DOLLARS.

An Independent paper issued  
every Saturday.

**LOCAL RATES:** 10 cents per line for  
the first insertion, and 5 cents per line  
for each subsequent insertion.

**DISPLAY ADVERTISING:** 15 cents  
per inch for each insertion. A discount  
made to regular advertisers.

Entered as second-class matter Decem-  
ber 21, 1910, at the post office at Almont,  
North Dakota, under the Act of March 3,  
1879.

Advertisers are requested to have the  
copy for change of ad in the Arena Office  
by Tuesday Noon preceding issue of the  
paper in which changed ad is to appear.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26, 1912.

**TIME TABLE**  
OF THE  
**Northern Pacific**  
Railway Company

A. M. O'LEAND, G. P. A., M. Post Master.  
**EAST BOUND**

No. 1 North Coast Limited 1:00 p. m.  
No. 4 Yellow Pine Pullman Train 7:20 a. m.  
No. 6 Chicago and Pacific Limited 11:15 a. m.  
No. 8 Local 11:30 a. m.

**WEST BOUND**

No. 1 North Coast Limited 11:15 a. m.  
No. 3 Pacific Coast Express 11:30 a. m.  
No. 5 Yellow Pine Pullman Train 10:15 p. m.  
No. 7 Local 11:30 p. m.

Trains No. 1 and 3 carry mail.  
No. 10 Local freight, east bound 10:30 a. m.  
No. 12 Local freight, east bound 10:30 a. m.  
Both local freights carry passenger coaches.  
D. W. FOSDICK, Local Agent.

For President:  
**Hon. Wm. H. Taft.**

For Governor:  
**L. B. Hanna.**

Election Day, November 5th

**MARKET REPORT**  
linch close, Friday, Oct. 25.

Wheat No. 1	0.73
" "	0.70
" "	0.67
" "	0.63
Rejected	0.58
Flax No. 1	1.28
" "	1.18
Barley	0.28 to 0.37
Rye	0.48
Corn	0.34
Oats	0.22
Potatoes	0.20

**Supreme Court.**  
Justice B. Robinson is the judicial Re-  
form candidate for Judge of the Supreme  
Court. The North Dakota Bar Associa-  
tion, at its last meeting, advocated a few  
of the reforms which Mr. Robinson has  
been advocating for over fifteen years.  
The judiciary, however, will never be  
reformed by the lawyers, as the majority  
generally hesitate to openly oppose a  
Judge who is up for election, and in  
many cases there is good reason for hesi-  
tating, because from a Judge's writ  
there is no appeal.

Mr. Robinson has had many cases be-  
fore the Supreme Courts of North Dakota,  
South Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota,  
and the United States Supreme Court.  
He has had over a thousand cases in  
the District Courts of this state, and has  
the available record of having won over  
ninety-five per cent of his cases.

He has for many years fearlessly and  
courageously advocated a change of  
court rules so as to give justice to all  
with absolute fairness, and without sale,  
delay or obfuscation, and in utter disregard  
of the social, financial or political affilia-  
tion of the parties.

He elected, Mr. Robinson will not as-  
sume to be the dictator of the people,  
but will consider himself their servant.  
He will insist that the Supreme Court  
keep up with its work, and refuse to join  
in a three months vacation while many  
cases are pending before the court—  
some for years. He believes that a servant  
of the people, who receives a salary of Five  
Thousand Dollars a year ought to attend  
to his business.

All we realize that too often in the  
past our Judges have been selected by  
a few newspaper editors and the sub-  
mitted to the people for ratification.  
This system we have not outgrown, advi-

# COUNTY DIVISION IS WHAT THE TAXPAYERS NEED

**It Cost The Taxpayers The Big Sum of \$157,509.00 To Run Morton County Last Year**  
**And Over Eighteen Thousand Dollars of This Money Was Paid For Salaries And**  
**Clerk Hire--Jurors Fees Alone Amounted To \$7,190.10--While 53,149.57**  
**Was Expended For Roads And Bridges--Don't You Think That It**  
**Is To Your Interest To Have Smaller Counties And Less Expense?**

As the election day draws nearer,  
the voters of Morton county are  
naturally becoming more and more  
interested in the all-important  
question of County Division, which  
they will be asked to decide by  
their votes on November 5th.

We say, all-important, because  
it is the one question to be decid-  
ed at the coming election which  
most directly and intimately affects  
the conditions and welfare of the  
voters of this county. It will not  
materially effect the residents of  
Morton county if Taft, Roosevelt,  
Wilson, or even Debs are elected  
president of the United States--nor  
will they notice the difference in  
their own business or convenience,  
if either a Republican, Democrat  
or a Progressive is elected govern-  
or of this state. But County Divi-  
sion is something which directly  
and intimately affects the business,  
the property and the conditions  
with which they are daily concern-  
ed.

The main object of having or-  
ganized sub-divisions of the state  
at all, is to allow the people resid-  
ing therein to manage their own  
affairs as best suits their immedi-  
ate and local conditions. For that  
purpose they elect their local offi-  
cers who are intimately acquainted  
with local conditions. They levy  
their own tax, make their own im-  
provements and administer the  
affairs of their local organization  
as best suits their local conditions  
with which they are familiar.

Now, about the only argument  
the opponents to county division  
to make is that of increased tax-  
ation, the great burden that will  
be added to the tax-payers in build-  
ing court houses, transcribing rec-  
ords and paying four sets of  
county officers instead of one set  
as we now have.

We will take those propositions  
up and discuss them separately.

We had two state cap-  
itals when the Dakota Territory  
was divided and the states of  
North and South Dakota organ-  
ized. We had to have a court house  
when Morton county was organ-  
ized--and we built them, and the  
people and taxpayers of the new  
state and new county are not bur-  
dened to death with taxes to  
pay for them. The three new  
counties organized out of old Ward  
county have different court houses,  
and the taxpayers up there are not  
burdened to death with taxes.

The proposed new counties  
of Lincoln, Grant and Clark will  
not build court houses until their  
seats are permanently located.  
The different towns aspiring to be  
county seats will in all probability  
offer buildings for court house pur-  
poses free of charge for two years,  
as they did in Burke county.  
Then when the matter is definitely  
settled, the county will issue bonds  
to build a court house, create a  
sinking fund with which to pay  
the bonds, and the taxes will not  
be raised to any noticeable extent  
at all.

Based on the experience of all  
the new counties that have been  
created out of old counties in this  
state, we are sure that the cost of  
transcribing the records for any of  
the new counties will not exceed  
\$3000 or \$4000.

larger territory have had their re-  
cords transcribed for that amount,  
and in several instances for much  
less. We see no reason why it will  
cost us \$30,000 or \$40,000 as some  
of the anti-divisionists would have  
you believe.

Don't be misled by their naked  
statement in this matter. Experi-  
ence of other counties in this par-  
ticular matter teaches us better.

As to the cost of maintaining  
four sets of county officers instead  
of one set as we now have, we will  
show that it is more economical to  
have the county divided and have  
the four sets of officers.

The salary of all county officers  
except sheriff, is based upon the  
assessed valuation of property in  
the county.

The assessed valuation of Mor-  
ton county in 1911 was \$9,434,515.  
The salary paid the Auditor,  
Treasurer, Superintendent of  
Schools and Register of Deeds for  
the year ending July 1st, 1912,  
was \$6,839.64.

The sum paid for deputies and  
clerk hire in those offices during  
the same time was \$9,791.82--  
making a total of \$18,639.46 to  
run these offices.

Now each of those offices has  
from 2 to 4 deputies and clerks and  
they do all the work for Morton  
county as it now is. When it is  
divided one man in each office will  
do the work without a deputy or  
clerk, because he will only have  
one-fourth of the work which the  
same office has now, and the salary  
will be reduced in all the counties.

For instance, the auditor's sal-  
ary now is \$2,300 and when the  
county is divided his salary will be  
as follows: Morton \$1600; Lin-  
coln \$1500; Grant \$1400 and  
Clark \$1400; and there will be no  
deputy or clerk hire to be paid.

The money paid our county offi-  
cers will then be distributed over  
the different parts of old Morton  
county and will be expended in  
the different county seats, in the  
way of building homes and im-  
proving the country--whereas,  
now it is all deposited in Man-  
dan and is used to improve and  
beautify that city alone, to the ex-  
clusion of any other city or town.

It is true that the combined sal-  
ary paid all the county officers in  
the four counties will exceed the  
salary paid the present set of Mor-  
ton county officers, but when you  
take into consideration the large  
sums paid the deputies and clerks--  
it will be seen that we are now pay-  
ing enough money running our  
county officers to run the four sets  
after division.

We will make a large saving in  
other items of expense, for in-  
stance--County Commissioners  
per diem and mileage.

We now have five county com-  
missioners--and four of them  
have all the territory outside the  
city of Mandan, to look after.  
Their districts are altogether too  
large for any one of them to even  
be acquainted with the conditions  
of the roads, bridges, voting pre-  
sents and other matters which it  
is their duty to look after. When  
a petition for a road or bridge is  
presented, it is too far from them  
to be presented to them for their action,  
they should be acquainted with the

conditions (at least one of them)  
and be in a position to act upon it  
intelligently. This is absolutely  
impossible with our Commissioner's  
now.

Instead of knowing the condi-  
tions even in their own district,  
they are now compelled to refer al-  
most all of the petitions to a Road  
Committee to investigate and re-  
port whether a road or bridge is  
needed. This committee after the  
session has adjourned, is compell-  
ed to travel for days--at the ex-  
pense of the taxpayers--over the  
entire county looking over the pro-  
posed roads or bridges--whereas,  
if the county was a reasonable size  
the different districts would be  
small enough to enable each com-  
missioner to know the conditions  
of his territory, and when a peti-  
tion is presented he would know  
whether such a road or bridge was  
needed and if it was feasible--thus  
saving the taxpayers the expense  
of days and days of investigation  
and thousands of miles of traveling  
expense--which last year brought  
the Commissioner's pay and ex-  
penses up to \$4247.30.

We paid last year for Jurors, a  
fine, the sum of \$7,190.18--and  
we have only two terms of court a  
year in which jurors are called.  
The reason it cost us so much is be-  
cause some of the Jurors had to  
travel about 140 miles to the court  
house, and the county, has to pay  
them for every mile they travel, so  
and from jury service--besides  
their day's pay. This was one of  
our largest items of expense last  
year--whereas, it is one of the  
smallest items.

The Auditor's Record of War-  
rents issued for the year ending  
July 1st, 1912, shows that Morton  
county spent for roads and bridges  
alone that year the sum of \$49,250.  
92.

Where was this money spent?

The Shields Enterprise tells us  
that \$8,000 of it was spent in Com-  
missioner Lange's district and  
\$13,000 of it was spent in Coun-  
ty Commissioner Pelond's district.

Now, Mr. Lange's district may  
have used the amount stated and  
judging from the amount of work  
done, and the good solid bridge  
roads spoiled and destroyed in and  
about Shields, and the great num-  
ber of useless cement bridges built  
in the immediate vicinity of  
Shields, we would say that he  
was about that amount, but we do  
not know particularly. We do know  
that Mr. Lange for some time has  
been the roads leading into  
Shields. He has perhaps some  
Shields in complete ignorance of  
Mandan, while the counties  
graded roads and the great num-  
ber of useless cement bridges  
built in the immediate vicinity of  
Shields. Then again Mr.  
Lange undoubtedly realized that  
\$8,000 spread over his district  
would make it show up all  
and that in order to do any good  
it must all be expended on one  
stretch of road; hence a few miles  
of graded roads around Shields.

But that is not the reason why  
the Shields Enterprise is against  
county division. It is in fact a  
petition for the division that will  
be raised in proportion to the  
benefit derived from such a  
division. It shows better than that  
before the convention of "Flash-  
light" last March, when the present pro-

posed lines were drawn, Shields  
had a proposition of his own.  
They had the lines drawn for a  
division where Shields would be  
centrally located in a county of  
about 24 townships. They were all  
in favor of county division, then,  
and are now, if the lines were  
drawn so as to make Shields the  
logical county seat.

This is what is hurting Shields,  
Carson and New Salford. They  
realize as well as any of us that  
the county is too large and ought  
to be divided--and that the ben-  
efit derived from a division would  
more than overbalance a few mil-  
lions of taxes--but they want the divi-  
sion on lines drawn to suit them-  
selves, and because they cannot  
get it, they resort to the "ghost of  
increased taxes" as an argument  
against any division at all.

Commissioner Pelond may have  
spent \$15,000 in his district, as is  
claimed by the Shields Enterprise,  
but we doubt it. If he did, a drive  
around over his district will very  
easily show a person where it is  
not spent. He may be of the like  
Mr. Lange and used the whole

amount in and around Shields, the  
home town, trying to bring that  
town up to the standard set by  
Mandan. We do not know that  
a very material part of Mr. Pelond's  
district has gone without any im-  
provements whatever in the way  
of roads and bridges. This is al-  
most probably explained on the ground  
that the district is too large to be  
looked after properly by one man.

However, the fact exists that a  
great portion of Morton county  
has been absolutely neglected in  
the matter of building roads and  
bridges, and this is in fact the  
fact that the county commissioners  
have contracted and spent since  
April 1st, 1912--

For road and bridge work--

The sum of \$53,149.57--

As shown by the Commissioner's  
records--

Look about you, Mandan, and  
see if you think you have re-  
ceived your share of those improve-  
ments.

It is not the amount of money  
expended that counts, but the  
condition of the roads and  
bridges. If you have some  
roads around Mandan that are  
not that good, and you see that  
people around Flashlight  
and other points are riding  
over the hills and through  
the mud, and you see that  
the condition of the roads  
and bridges is so bad that  
it is just the same as if  
there were no roads at all,  
then we can get away from  
death and suffering. We have  
exactly prepared for either,  
but must meet them both. We  
will have to pay our taxes in the  
future whether there is any hope  
of receiving any benefit from them or  
not. Judging from this we shall  
be of the opinion that the  
benefit derived from the divi-  
sion will be a good one, and we  
trust you will be of the same  
opinion. It is too far from you  
to be presented to them for their action,  
they should be acquainted with the

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Serial No. 01818  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Oct. 14, 1912.  
Notice is hereby given that Marcus V. Falenbergh, of Almont, N. Dak., who, on April 30th, 1907, made homestead entry, No. 30053, for 1/4 SW 1/4 & 1/4 NW 1/4, section 22, township 137 N., range 87 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. E. Johnson, Judge of the County Court, at Bismarck, N. Dak., on Nov. 19, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Nick Peterson, Math Ostrum, Jonas Elin, and Alfred Olin, all of Almont, N. D.  
J. N. Stearns, Register

(First publication Oct. 5th, 1912.)  
Serial number 01289.  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Sept. 30, 1912.  
Notice is hereby given that John Rehal, of Clegg Hill, north Dakota, who, on Nov. 19, 1907, made homestead entry, No. 01289, for 1/4 NW 1/4, section 20, township 137 N., range 87 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at Bismarck, north Dakota, on Nov. 13, 1912.  
Claimant names as witnesses:  
Clements Dell, Math Schaleky, and Alex Dell, of Clegg Hill, N. D.; and George Kuhn, of Almont, N. D.

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Serial No. 09756.  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Sept. 10th, 1912.  
Notice is hereby given that Peter Dietz of Almont, N. D., who, on Feb. 26th, 1907, made homestead entry, No. 37422, for SW 1/4, section 34, township 137 N., range 87 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. E. Johnson, United States Commissioner, at Almont, N. D., on Nov. 6, 1912.  
Claimant names as witness:  
Axel Dell, Michael Dell, Math Schaleky, and Alex Dell, of Clegg Hill, N. D.; and Math Dietz, of Almont, N. D.

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Serial No. 011559.  
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.  
Department of Interior,  
U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
Aug. 17, 1912.  
Notice is hereby given that Albert Stoen, of Bismarck, north Dakota, who, on April 18, 1908, made second homestead entry, No. 02263, for SW 1/4, section 20, township 123 N., range 82 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before J. E. Johnson, Clerk of Court, at Bismarck, N. D., on Nov. 5, 1912.  
Claimant names as witness:  
John Heuleberg, Harry Johnson, and Ross Swenberg, of Bismarck, N. D.; and Ted Ruten, of Bismarck, N. D.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
 Sept. 23, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Robert H. Harper, of Almont, N. D., who, on July 1st, 1909, made homestead entry, No. 012732, for one-half section 22, township 127 N., range 84 E., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Bismarck, N. D., on the 20th day of November, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Leiner, of Cassin, N. D.; Robert J. Dole, of Glen Ullrich, N. D.; Jean W. Harper, and William Tucker, of Almont, N. D.; R. N. Stevens, Register.

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### County Division Is What?

*(Continued from page 4.)*

...for the residents and taxpayers of three-fourths of Morton county to attend the Commissioners meetings, and they never know what is being done until everything is over.

Some of the anti-divisionists ask the question, "What business has the farmer and taxpayer at the county seat? They say 'he can pay his taxes at any bank and procure his mortgage license from any notary public.' These are the arguments advanced by some of the anti-divisionists of Mandan, and the insinuation made that therein develops the reason why they are against county division.

"They don't want the farmer and taxpayer to interest and concern himself about the manner in which his servants—the county officers—are conducting the county's business.

From the standpoint of those who are being led and lured from the taxpayers' fund of the county treasury, Mr. Farmer and taxpayer has no business assisting upon their right. He has an business to be present at the Commissioners meeting to see that some needed road work be done in his locality, in some dangerous bridge be repaired.

Do you see the point?

The seat of government is too far removed from the people, and the county officials only come in touch with the people of the county once every two years. They are continuously in touch with the citizens of Mandan and county, who have been so generously provided for the past that many of them are against county division.

Every taxpayer in the county has more of less business at the county seat during some time of the year. He is naturally interested in the business of the county for which he contributes his money, and it is necessary for him to go to the county seat many times a year in some instances.

What a hardship and inconvenience and expense it is for those who live in the country and are

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 Department of Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
 Oct. 5th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Robert H. Harper, of Almont, N. D., who, on Feb. 11th, 1909, made homestead entry, No. 04165, for NW 1/4, section 24, township 126 N., range 20 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Bismarck, N. D., on the 20th day of November, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: John Leiner, of Cassin, N. D.; Robert J. Dole, of Glen Ullrich, N. D.; Jean W. Harper, and William Tucker, of Almont, N. D.; R. N. Stevens, Register.

**First publication October 19th, 1912.**  
 Serial No. 09931.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
 September 9th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Wilhelmine Dehke, of New Salem, N. D., who, on February 5th, 1907, made homestead entry, No. 37406, for the E 1/4 of SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4, section 12, township 127 N., range 84 west, 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Bismarck, North Dakota, on the 4th day of December, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Oscar Dehke, Hermann Dehke, Fritz Ritz, and Carl Ritz, all of New Salem, North Dakota.

R. N. Stevens, Register, als

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 Serial No. 01393.  
**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.**  
 Department of Interior,  
 U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D.  
 Oct. 17, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Edward E. Edson, of Almont, North Dakota, who, on Feb. 19, 1909, made homestead entry, No. 39922, for SW 1/4, section 22, township 126 N., range 86, 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, North Dakota, on December 10th, 1912.

Claimant names as witnesses: Ole Anderson, Ole Johnson, Sam Anderson, and Bert Fox, all of Almont, North Dakota. R. N. Stevens, Register.

...western part of the county to make a trip to Mandan. He has to travel from 100 to 150 miles to get there costing him anywhere from \$15 to \$20 in money and three or four days of time - whereas, if the county is divided anyone in any of the new counties can go to the county seat, transact his business, and get back home in one day without any expense at all. He can watch the county business closely and see that he is getting all that he is entitled to in the way of roads and bridges.

Suppose we admit, for the sake of argument that our taxes will be raised a few cents. Would you object to that if you get value received for it?

Would it not be better to pay \$20 taxes and receive good roads, good bridges and a more economical administration, than to pay \$15 and receive no benefits at all from it?

But the taxes will not be raised to any noticeable extent.

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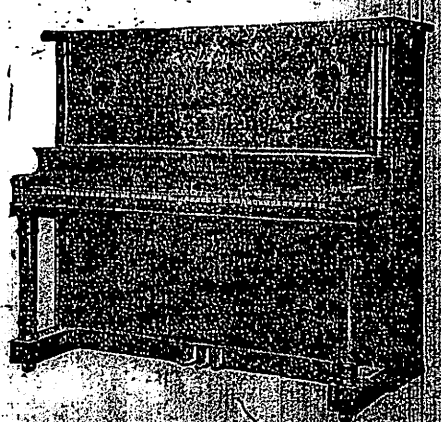
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