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NEW MANAGER ARRIVED FRIDAY

From Chaffee Where He Was Had Charge of a Yard at That Place

NEW PRICES ARE IN EFFECT

At the Thompson Yards Inc., Yard in This City and Large Shed Will Be Built

A. C. McQuoid of Chaffee, N. D., is the local manager of the Thompson Yards Inc., yard at this place, formerly known as the White & McCulloch Lumber Yard. He is now getting acquainted with the people of this vicinity, and says that as far as he has become acquainted with Wahpeton, he likes our city very much, and that he thinks that the company whom he represents will do a good business here. Asked whether they would continue selling fuel, he said he didn't know at the present time, but that at some places they did, and other they did not.

He further stated that a large shed would be built to house all the material in the yard, as soon as the frost was out the ground. Also the new prices went into effect Monday morning of this week. He says that the Thompson Yards Inc., are not here to run anybody out of business, but they are here to do business the Thompson way. He says that the prices on lumber have dropped quite a great deal, owing to the fact that this company owns their own stumpage and mills, thus shipping direct, saving the consumer the middleman's profits.

This company has an architect department, and their plan book for buildings of all kinds would be here any day, and that anybody buying of this firm, could use the plan book free of charge.

This company is out to erect a number of silos in this vicinity and are only going to erect so many. The club offer starts Feb. 1st, and will close as soon as the amount of applications are received to make up the limit.

Mr. McQuoid said that just as soon as he can find a suitable house he will move his family here from Chaffee.

LAYMEN'S CONVENTION IS NOW IN SESSION

Twelve hundred men of North Dakota and western Minnesota this week enrolled themselves and paid the fee to attend the Laymen's Missionary Convention now being held in the Masonic Temple at Fargo. The Convention opened with a great banquet yesterday evening which was the greatest thing of its kind ever held in the Northwest. Registrations kept coming in so rapidly that on Monday before the Convention opened Wednesday arrangements had to be made for an overflow banquet which was held in the Knights' of Columbus hall. Both banquets were very successful, the speakers were carried from one building to the other in automobiles. The theme for the addresses of the evening was "The Coming World Democracy," the speakers were Fred B. Fisher, Herbert Johnson and Morris W. Elmes.

Between 90 and 100 towns in North Dakota and Minnesota sent delegates to this convention, this being the highest number of towns outside the convention city represented at any convention of the series of 75, Boston, Mass., holding the honor up to this time.

One of the great attractions was Gilbert, the moving picture man, who sustained his reputation of being the greatest moving picture star in the country. All the other speakers measured up to the reputation which they had won in the east during the fall campaign.

It is safe to say that never before in the history of the Northwest has such a great convention been held either for a religious or secular purpose. The churches of this whole territory have received such an impetus as will put them in a position which it would have taken years to work to in the ordinary way.

TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Four course chicken pie dinner. Visit Ireland, Africa, China and America. All for 35c. Tickets on sale at Paul & Oliver's. Starts at 5:30 P. M., Friday Jan. 28th. Last load leaves at 7 P. M. from Paul & Oliver's store.

H. O. Sprung of the Red River Motor Co., is planning on attending the auto show in Minneapolis next week. He will probably leave here Monday night and return the latter part of the week.

YOUNGQUIST-LEHMAN

One of the many surprises of recent times to a large circle of friends of the contracting parties, was when the announcement was made of the marriage of Mr. Herbert Youngquist of this city and Miss Anna Lehman of Breckenridge.

The wedding was a very quiet one, the only witnesses to the tying of the knot were Mr. John Diedrich of this city, and Miss Mary Lehman, sister of the bride. The marriage ceremony took place in the parsonage of St. Mary Church of Breckenridge, Rev. Fr. Gumper, officiating.

Mr. Herbert Youngquist, is the son of Mrs. Chas. Youngquist of this city, and is at the present time in the employ of Leach & Gamble, where he has held a lucrative and responsible position with them for a number of years. The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lehman of Breckenridge, and has a very large circle of friends in the little town. This happy young couple are now making their home in Breckenridge until they can find a suitable home on this side of the river.

WILL MOVE IN NEXT SUNDAY

The New Postoffice Building is Now Ready for Occupancy And Will Be In

GENERAL USE NEXT MONDAY

One of the Most Handsome, Exclusive Postoffice Homes in the State

Monday morning no doubt some will be making the mistake of going to the wrong place, and then looking around, feeling embarrassed, but in the course of a week, we will all be used to the new quarters of the Wahpeton postoffice in the new federal building just completed on the corner of Dakota Ave., and Sixth St. This building has been under the course of construction a little better than a year and Eugene Schuler, formerly of this city, was awarded the contract.

This new building cost \$41,000 and is a handsome structure. The dimensions of this new building is fifty feet by eighty feet, and the cost of the site was \$6,000, making the building cost the government \$47,000.

The first postoffice here was in the year of 1871 and it was known as Richville, and its postmaster was Folsom Dow. In 1873 the name was changed to Chihinkapa. The following year it was changed to the present name, Wahpeton. Twelve postmasters have been in the employ of the government at this place since then.

Rural Free Delivery was started here in 1898 and the city delivery in 1910. There are eleven people employed in the postoffice at the present time, and the yearly receipts amount to about \$60,000 a year.

TO THE AUTHOR OF "WHERE THE SHMROCKS USED TO GROW"

Last week we received a note containing a poem either written by the unsigned author or copied, "Where the Shmrocks Used to Grow." We published it, but at the same time we stated that we're neutral. But this week some unknown person to the editor sent us a reply to the poem and we are still neutral, yet nevertheless, the poem handed in this week is as follows:

Pat's jackass won't bray for grass While munching his fill of oats. Carried to him in cargoes by Britain's famous boats.

The Shamrock green is all serene, But asleep in the deep German submarine.

The Kaiser's cows broke thru the fence, And trampled the neighbor's garden.

They did not recognize any law, Nor fear the grim game warden. They roared and gored and nearly floored

The unsuspecting shmrock. But the plant they spurned, now the tide has turned

Is growing like a "Beanstalk." And strong in hearts that love the right

The watchword rings "Keep up the fight" Freedom to tyranny never bows—and as, for the Kaiser's cows—

Leave them alone—they're struggling home Dragging their tails behind them.

WAHPETON IN GIGANTIC FIGHT FOR THE PACKING PLANT

Whether this snow storm which is raging at this time of writing continues or not, everybody in a radius of 20 miles of this city is going to be seen, and everybody should wake up to the fact that there is going to be something doing all the while for the next two or three weeks.

The proposition of bringing the State Equity Packing Plant to Wahpeton was thoroughly thrashed out at the Mass Meeting held in the city hall, Monday afternoon. It being the consensus of opinion that everybody at the meeting was enthusiastic for the bringing of this plant to this city, and that it would be worth the time and effort to bring this thing about. That a cash bonus of fifty thousand dollars would be about the least sum that we should offer in the way of a bonus to the Equity Society. Another thing was clearly featured at this meeting that the farmers present were in close harmony with the citizens on this proposition. Also that they are willing to dig down in their pockets and make up any amount that the citizens of Wahpeton raise by popular subscription.

It was brought out by the different speakers that with this announcement, should Wahpeton get this packing plant, land values in Richland county would raise at least five dollars an acre. That another town as large as Wahpeton itself would be in our midst when the plant got up to its full capacity.

Among the benefits that Wahpeton would derive is that she would have to make arrangements to care for another town as large as this city is at present. What is that worth to the citizens of Wahpeton? It is worth a property owners at least half again their property valuation. Thus it is easily seen that property owners could easily give twenty five dollars apiece and still be ahead of the amount of valuation of their present holdings. It means that every business man in the town could give ten times as much and a few a great deal more. It is worth many thousands of dollars to the city in general. More water consumers would cut down the water rate and then in two or three years' time you have made up at least twenty five dollars in actual expense. It means that the street car line would have to be extended out to the plant. It means that the taxes would lower as the valuation would increase several times as fast as taxation expenses increased. It would bring hundreds of laborers into the city. Lumber yards would be doing a government land office business. It means that stock shippers would have to spend at least some money in this town, while a transit here. Probably and without a doubt a terminal elevator would be located here. It would mean that grain, such as wheat screenings would find an ample market here. Now Breckenridge's sister town would receive the same benefits, and the hay land north of her would be regular gold mines for the owners. It means as much to the farmers of Wilkin County as it practically does to Richland County. It means as much to the business men of Breckenridge as it does to the business men of this city. We should all get together and talk this thing over. A mass meeting could be held jointly on Monday evening, as the time is getting short. If Breckenridge has a suitable hall, then let all of us join in with our fellow business men and farmers and give this thing a thorough going over again. At this meeting a small donation could be given by each individual to raise enough money so that the committees appointed to make the rounds would be amply paid for their trouble, as their time is worth something to them, no matter what they receive in compensation. Let the live ones of this city take hold of this proposition and see the live ones in Breckenridge, and hold this meeting Monday night. The committees appointed on this side of the river should be there and make a statement as to how much is needed to carry on this work, and then double this amount and appoint just as large a committee on the Minnesota side, and see that they are compensated for their labors. It is going to take lots of hard work, but we are equal to the task, and let not a man shrink. The making of the little twins is before us, and we can get this plant if we

simply go out after it, in a good earnest fashion.

Among the benefits that the farmers in Wilkin and Richland counties will receive by having this plant located here are many. First, it will raise the valuation of their property immediately. It will place a better market for stock than they ever had before, or ever they could possibly get within the next twenty five years and probably fifty. It will save them a big per cent from shrinkage on hoof by avoiding the long shipment, and the cost of feeding while on the railroad. It will be the means of placing silos on the farms, whereby a total failure will be a thing of the past. We had a good example of this last year with our corn crop. Corn in some places matured fairly well, but in others it didn't quite make it. This corn could have been siloed, and would have made the best of feed. When the corn crop here matures, as it generally does, the ears could be picked off, and the fodder left could be put into the silo. Not only a few tons, but silos hold all the way from fifty to one hundred tons, showing what an immense amount of feed that could be saved, that heretofore has gone to waste. Then the corn picked and sold, would be clear profit to the farmer, while the ensilage would make a good profit by making genuine fat beef, thus making the farm pay what she should. By having this plant here you will be able to put these fat steers on the market. It would cut out the middle man and thus save you a commission of one to two cents a pound, which would also be counted as clear gain to the farmer. As Wilkin County to the north of Breckenridge for about twenty miles is one long stretch of hay land. It would be one of the greatest stock raising communities in the United States. Thousands upon thousands of tons of hay could be cut and put up every year. Pasturage would be a simple proposition with the farmer. That land would immediately be a stock raising mecca for any individual. The same is true in the eastern part of Wilkin county. In Richland county corn is getting to be one of the principal crops and it is now ranked as the best corn county in the state, stock raising will begin to boom in earnest. Silos will after a few years look like the wind mills in Holland. It is going to let the farmers of this state receive for their stock just what they are entitled to.

At 2 P. M., Monday afternoon at the City Hall Chairman of the meeting (Oscar Olson) called the meeting to order and in a few brief words told the purpose of the meeting. He then called on Mr. Henry E. Chizek to tell the gathering more about the plant. Mr. Chizek said:

"A packing plant is to be built somewhere in this state at the capitalization of five hundred thousand dollars, and it at first, no doubt, will be started on a small scale, to in a few years, reach its full capacity. The plant is to be known as the State Equity Packing Plant." He also added that the site committee appointed by the Equity Society was to receive offers in the way of bonus, sewerage, water, power and railroad facilities, from each city that wanted it.

The plant is to be on a co-operative basis, that being the theme of the State Equity Society. After Mr. Chizek had told that information was very hard to get, nevertheless the crowd present were very grateful, as the amount of expense and trouble he had went through to get what information he had at the present time for this meeting. Then the chairman called upon Mayor Fligelman. Mayor Fligelman in his brief talk to the gathering said it wasn't a matter of talking, or wishing, or anything else, but a cold cash bargain. Did the gathering think it would pay Wahpeton and the farmers within a radius of twenty miles to put up the desired amount of money at least fifty thousand dollars. It meant dollars, not words, but action with it. Appoint the right kind of men and pay them for their labors and he never doubted for a minute but what Wahpeton with all its railroad facilities and other advantages that couldn't be beat in the state. It was up to the farmers to run the plant profitable, and then it would be the success they would want it to be, by seeing that the men in charge were thoroughly familiar

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THAT NEW BRIDGE

During the county commissioners meeting at Wahpeton two weeks ago, it was agreed to meet with the Wilkin county commissioners to consider the matter of building a bridge across the Bois de Sioux river east of Fairmount. The commissioners met as agreed and a motion was made by August Hoefs of Richland, seconded by Grau of Wilkin, that a bridge be built across the Bois de Sioux. Motion carried. The bridge will be of steel, 100 foot span and be 18 foot wide and have a concrete floor and concrete abutments.

The bridge proposition has been a serious set back to Fairmount as well as the people living on the Minnesota side. But now, as we have been awarded that which we have been wanting for years, we have move a vote of thanks to the county commissioners, especially that old war horse August Hoefs, who we all respect and admire for his untiring efforts to do the right thing at the right time. He is conservative, and no county monies are ever squandered when Mr. Hoefs has anything to do with a deal.—Fairmount News.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD BANQUET

At Fargo, February 22nd, and A Number of Noted Speakers On the Program

FOR DEMOCRATIC POLICIES

Democrats From All Over The State Will Be In Attendance At This Gathering

The Democratic Achievement Banquet will be held at Fargo, N. D., on Washington's Birthday, February 22nd, 1916. The object of the banquet is to bring into closer relationship the democrats of the state and to try and stimulate a greater interest in the principle and policies advocated by the Democratic Party.

The Fargo gathering is expected to be one of the most brilliant affairs that the democrats ever attempted. Notable party leaders have been invited and many favorable replies have been received. The public will be informed from time to time as to the progress of the program in connection with the coming year.

A digression from the old custom of making this banquet "for men only" has been decided upon. The President of the National Democratic Women's League of Washington, D. C., has been invited to participate in the program, which will give the democratic ladies of North Dakota the privilege of meeting and hearing a representative of the organization and also the opportunity of organizing a Democratic Women's League in North Dakota. A cordial invitation is extended to all those who believe in the doctrine of equal rights to all and special privileges to none, regardless of political affiliations.

This being Leap year, it is expected that ladies in general, and democratic ladies in particular, will not only grace the occasion with their presence, but will do effective missionary work by inviting and urging fathers, husbands and brothers to be present.

In order to avoid disappointment in the way of reservations for hotel and banquet, notice should be given at the earliest possible date so that proper arrangements can be made to take care of all. A letter to H. H. Perry, State Chairman, Ellendale N. D., F. W. McLean, Secy. Democratic State Committee, Fargo, N. D., B. B. Holte, Chairman, General Advisory Committee, Fargo, N. D., or to Mrs. Geo. Hancock, Chairman, Women's Advisory Committee, Fargo, N. D. will receive prompt attention.

Price of banquet tickets will not exceed \$2.00.

JUDGE FISH FOR SUPREME BENCH

It is reported from Washington, D. C., that Judge Fish of the North Dakota Supreme Court, is in line for a similar position on the United States Supreme Court bench. Judge Fish is recognized as one of the best jurists in the United States, and they also recognized the work he has done in the nine years that he has served this state.

WOODS HEARD FROM AGAIN

Former Secretary of the Richland County Fair Association Promoting the

ST. PAUL CARNIVAL WEEK

A Large Number of Citizens From Wahpeton Are Invited to Attend This Outdoors Carnival

Wahpeton and Richland County people have a direct interest in the big Outdoor Sports Carnival which will be staged in St. Paul, Jan. 27 to Feb. 5th, because it was promoted and is being managed by George W. Woods, who will be remembered as the secretary of the Richland County Fair in 1913.

Mr. Woods has been unusually successful in the amusement field, since leaving Wahpeton, but he admits that he got his first real experience in that line while secretary of the local fair. Last year he promoted and managed a three-day automobile - aviation meet in Oklahoma City. During the past two years he has staged automobile races all over the United States, including the meets held at the Grand Forks and Fargo fairs last season.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway is president of the Outdoor Sports Carnival association. Most of the big business men in St. Paul belong to one or more of the marching clubs and they wear their blanket uniforms to and from their places of business. The city is in gala attire for the occasion and the numerous toboggan slides, ski jumps, hockey, curling and skating rinks are crowded to capacity every day and evening.

In a letter to the editor, Mr. Woods states that he is considering an offer to put on a big stampede for the coming summer. It will be in the nature of the Cheyenne Frontier Days celebration. Wallace Coburn, the cowboy poet and Pete Russell, the cowboy artist, have promised to co-operate with him in the project.

METAL MARKET IS SAID TO HIT AUTO MAKERS

A letter from the head of one of the big automobile factories to his Minneapolis representative in response to a personal request for information concerning the supply of metal available for automobile manufacture reveals what is to dealers and buyers of cars a most alarming situation and one that may result either in an absolute stoppage of deliveries on cars or an unprecedented rise in price on most of the machines.

The letter is as follows: "It is going to be a wise man who stocks up pretty well ahead on automobiles when he can get them, for I will tell you right now that practically every automobile manufacturer in the United States is going to be laid out cold for want of material during the summer months. This isn't a threat or a promise, but is an absolute condition, over which the poor purchasing agent has no control. My advice is to anyone who has good business prospects, to grab off everything in sight and get the cars stored away where he can get them when the season opens."

TO ATTEND AUTO SHOW

A number of citizens from this city and vicinity are planning on attending the auto show to be held in Minneapolis next week. It is reported that this show is going to be larger and better than ever.

STEVE CRONIN SELLS OUT

Just as we go to press announcement was made to us of the transfer of the billiard parlors of Steve Cronin's to some out of the city gentleman, but we could not learn his name. It was not learned just what Mr. Cronin has in mind for the future, but particulars will be given next week.

The Misses Miles, Zuill and Oistad of the Science School Faculty very pleasantly entertained the members of the Faculty Sunday evening at lunch in honor of President Smith's birthday. The table was artistically decorated with green foliage and a very pleasing repast was served. At a later hour the guests assembled in Miss Miles' rooms and spent several hours in singing. President Smith was the recipient of many good wishes.