

IN BEHALF OF DELIVERY BOYS

An Interesting Public Letter is Written to the Times By a Prominent Housewife

GIVE THEM HELPING HAND

Instead of Finding Fault—Have Many Cares and Out in All Sorts of Weather

Many newspaper and magazine articles appear from time to time in defense of telephone operators who are blamed for everything that goes wrong with the subscribers.

For instance: "Phone out of order," "Line Busy," "I can't hear a word," "They don't answer," and hundreds of things for which the operator is not responsible. It is not my intention to defend the operators at this time but instead will try to enlist the sympathy of housewives and matrons in behalf of the three young boys whose daily tasks it is to deliver the loads and loads of provisions from the various meat markets and grocery stores. When one stops to consider the hundreds of pounds of meat, butter, sugar, flour, boxes of soap, apples, oranges—canned goods, such as corn peas, string beans, canned fruits etc.

Besides hundreds of minor articles that these boys must handle over and over during the day and every day throughout the bitter cold, through rain and in sunshine, one must conclude this position is not an enviable one and that he's more to be pitied than censured.

The boy who has the northwest route in this city has a hundred and seventy customers, besides six deliveries at the Indian School; I say six, since he delivers at the school proper, the mess hall, the hospital, the laundry, the shop and at the superintendent's residence. Then he has four similar deliveries to make at the S. S. S. (The majority of these stops are made every day and often two or three times a day.)

It is not unusual to see the boys on a bitter cold morning wading through drifts knee deep carrying a sack of flour and a box containing several other articles. Coming to the door of a residence and finding it locked, he must wait there, the pleasure of maid or matron to unlock and kick loose one or more doors to let them in. Then he thinks himself lucky if he can set them down before they have to make room for him to set them down. Often upon arriving later than they had expected he would, they greet him with "well did you finally get here" or, "well this is a late hour to bring my meat or dinner" not thinking that had they phoned for their meat the afternoon before, or before the 8:30 delivery they would be sure to have it in completion for an early dinner. If the orders are in on the afternoon before, or the first delivery in the morning, there will be no cause for sarcastic greetings for the boys as there is no better delivery service to be found than we have in Wahpeton—especially when we consider that three boys do all the delivering which was formerly done by eight—or a delivery boy for each of the stores and meat markets.

Kindly order your goods for the day at one time and help make their Saturday's work lighter by a little forethought of things needed that can be ordered on Friday and say something pleasant or not at all, when he is doing his best to serve the customers faithfully.

Here's to the Boys—may they live long.

A FRIEND.

MASS MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens and taxpayers of Wahpeton at the CITY HALL at eight o'clock in the evening on SATURDAY, MARCH 4th, 1916. This meeting is called for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices to be voted for at the regular annual city election to be held in said city on March 21st viz: Mayor, one alderman in each ward, City Treasurer, Police Magistrate and City Justice. It is the duty, and good citizenship demands, that every taxpayer attend said meeting and take part in the nomination of proper candidates for the respective offices.

Louis Fligelman, Mayor

WAHPETON WINS FROM BATTLE LAKE

The Wahpeton High School basketball team defeated a similar team from Battle Lake, Minn., Friday evening by the score of 33 to 12. The play was fast and furious at all times and although only a small crowd was present, which was accounted for by the home talent play in the opera house, yet the spectators that were present got their money's worth. The first half saw the Wahpeton team take the lead and were never headed. The first half ended with the score of 17 to 6 in favor of the local team.

The second half was a great deal like the first, but one thing was clearly evident that if the boys from here would lax a single moment the Battle Lake team was right there to take advantage of it and scored. This kept the locals on edge throughout the game. The score would indicate that the game was lopsided and uninteresting, but such was not the case, and those present say that it was one of the best games of the season.

A REGULAR OLD TORCHLIGHT PARADE

There is Something in the Air and Although Everybody is Feeling It, Yet

WHAT IS IT GOING TO BE

Strange Malincinations Are Arising in the Mist and Probably Will Come Out at Caucus

Saturday night at 8 o'clock the boys are all going over to the city hall and see if something drops out of the skies. We don't know what the reason for all the talk, but it seems as if it is the general opinion that something is brewing in a way of a non-partisan political storm.

Everybody that the Times representative has come across for the last two weeks when the mention of the city caucus came up have said: "Do you know, but that is the feeling that has come over me," and continued by asking "Do you know?"

Well we don't know. The candidates and present incumbents are considering their individual candidacy in sober thoughts these days, and most of them haven't yet made up their minds whether they will be a candidate again or whether they will make the race.

With Mayor Fligelman out of town when this was written and no committal from him, and with the present aldermen refusing to tell how they stand, puts another lock on the city official question here.

Now the thing for all of us to do is to be at the caucus Saturday evening of this week at the city hall and then and there decide upon good men for the different city offices to be filled.

BOSTONIANS TONIGHT

At the Wahpeton Opera House this evening the Bostonians will present the musical comedy, "Tipperary Mary".

If the life of sixteenth century Ireland has any appeal for you this play is sure to touch your heart. The days of the Kerry dances are lived all over again in "Tipperary Mary," those rollicking good old times which have relegated to the history of the past in the Green Isle. "Tipperary Mary" deals with the days when the Irish were a happy-go-lucky race, when their troubles sat as lightly on their shoulders as a cork on a troubled sea.

Miss Patsie Henry, the leading comedienne of the Bostonians will play the part of Mike Hegerty, a most lovable Irishman whose chief fault is that he builds castles in the air. This has always been one of the failings of the Irish, but as Miss Henry interprets the character it is full of laughs. She brings out all the humor of the character, and has created around the irresponsible "Mike" a glamor that appeals to the heart.

Miss Babe Mason will play the part of "Tipperary Mary." For some time past, she has been starring in Eastern Vaudeville, but she got homesick for Bostonians and decided to return. As a character singer she stands alone and unlike most singers of this type she uses her brain as well as her throat.

Miss Sadie Worner left for her home in Great Bend. She has been assisting her brother, W. G. Worner in the Treasurer's office for a couple of weeks.

"THE COURT OF KING COLE"

Presented Last Thursday and Friday Evenings By Local Talents Was a Grand Success

LOCAL STARS MAKE A HIT

In Their Cleverness as Actors and Their Unusual Vocal Talent Before Large Crowds

Showing before two crowded houses, Thursday and Friday evening the local talent presenting the musical play "The Court of King Cole" under the direction of Mrs. Purdy Smith took the local audiences from the little twigs by storm. The play was given under the auspices of the Red Cross Society.

The training of the troupe was under the special direction of Mrs. Purdy Smith and her ability as an instructor was more than successful, it was extraordinary.

Comments of entire satisfaction was heard on every hand and in fact the local players not only done credit to themselves and their director, but to the little twigs as well. There is a great amount of unusual talent in the little twigs and never before was their talent shown to as great advantage as they did the two evenings just past.

In the part of King Cole as represented by Mr. C. E. Lounsbury of this city presented it in a very clever manner. He clearly elucidated to the audience at both performances what merry old soul was old King Cole. His "get off" on local people from the little twigs in the audience caused him to be cheered time and time again. His three little fiddlers also took their part well.

One of the prettiest solos of the play was that of "Mistress Mary" was represented by Mrs. Mayme McClintock and her part was more than taken care of.

Mr. Rudolph Gilles in the part "Jack of the Beanstalk" clearly evinced that Rudolph was very well fitted to his part and his singing was one of the features of the evening.

Sinbad the sailor, was very cleverly presented by Frank Bernard and his impersonation of the character Sinbad proved that he has a whole lot of talent that has a future for him.

The impersonation of little Bo Peep by Miss Helen Weimer of Breckenridge was one of the leading features of the evening and the sweet singing of this young lady brought her back time and time again to respond to encores. Miss Weimer is one of the best vocal artists in the little twigs and her work in this play caused her to be heard at her best.

"Senora" as presented by Miss Lillian Morden as everyone knows was well taken care of, and the public is always glad to hear Miss Morden at every opportunity.

Senor Mora was presented in a clever manner by Vern Hoffman.

The Indian Chief by William Bergman and the Indian Princess by Miss Maggie Nadeau of Breckenridge was really one of the clever presentations of the evening. The action and pose, sweet and clear singing by these two popular young people in an Indian love song, showed them off to an advantage that their ability has never before been brought to light in such a way.

The comedy stunt—Gretchen von Vetchen by Miss Sophia Kraker of this city and Mr. W. F. Daubanton of Breckenridge brought forth many compliments for these two people. Miss Kraker is often seen on the local stage and her ability as an actor is very well known but in this part she again showed that she is getting better than ever. Mr. Daubanton of Breckenridge is a new face to the home people, but we know that he will again be often seen playing some role or the other in home talents to come.

Jack and Jill represented by James Murray and Miss Mable Jamieson was one of the many clever representations of different characters, and their work together in this part does not have to be commented upon as everyone knows who is acquainted with these two popular young people, that their parts were well taken care of.

The minstrel man by Alvin Meyer showed that Alvin is a clever impersonator of this kind of a character and his work went a great way in helping to make this play a success.

The society stunt by Mr. Fred Putnam and Miss Fama Milton

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GREAT CALL FOR PAPERS

Five hundred extra copies of last week issues is about the amount of extra copies that the Times had an exclusive story about, Stirum, Milnor and throughout the rest of the county. The people who sent in their advance orders for extra copies all remarked that they knew the Times would have the story of the Sinclair murder and have it right. Readers of the Times and other county papers knew that the Times had an exclusive story before the confession of Robert Sinclair, and they knew from other news stories that have appeared throughout the county press that the Times always carries the complete story and in the way it should be.

Before noon Friday the Times was cleaned out of every extra copy and it has only enough copies of this issue to complete its files which are necessary.

This again shows that the people of this county and former residents that the Times is the best county paper carrying all of the most important news in a concise and spicy manner.

PRISON TWINE UP A FOURTH

Board of Control Sets Figure at Which Sisal and Manila Will Be Sold

FARMERS PAY THE FREIGHT

And Although Such is the Case it Has Not Made the Advance It Was First Thought

The farmers of Minnesota and North Dakota face the fact that prices for raw sisal have advanced about 7 cents a pound in the last few months, will pay but a 1 3/4 cents more this year for the best grade of sisal binder twine made at the Stillwater, Minnesota prison than they were compelled to pay last year. The prices of twine for 1916 were set last week by the State Board of Control of Minnesota.

Carloads	1915	1916
Standard	6.5c	8.25c
Sisal	6.5c	8.25c
600-foot Manila	.9c	11c
Pure Manila	10.5c	12c
Retail		
Standard	7c	8.75c
600-foot Manila	9.5c	11.5c
Sisal	7c	8.75c
Pure Manila	11c	12.5c

WOMAN'S LITERARY CLUB

The Woman's Literary Club enjoyed the second of a series of musical programs Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. Lauder. One afternoon has already been devoted to the study of Wagner. While this program was given over to miscellaneous German composers it would be impossible to comment upon each number but a glance at the program will assure one that whoever was fortunate enough to have been present, an afternoon of rare enjoyment. The members of the club feel themselves greatly indebted to the musicians who so kindly gave their services.

Piano solo, Novelette-Schumann Mrs. H. H. Pfister

Vocal Solo—

The Vain Suit-Brahms

Lady Bird-Schumann

Mrs. McClintock

Piano solo 'Traumerel-Schumann

Hazel Burnson

Paper Richard Strauss

Mrs. E. H. Jones

Vocal solo Allerseeen, R. Strauss

Of Thee I'm Thinking, Marguerita Meyer-Helmunde

Miss Bardwell

Violin solo Serendae Schubert

Bareolle, Tales of Hoffman

Mr. Clifford Peterson

Vocal solo Evening Star

From Tannhauser

The Brigand

Mr. Gilles

Duet Wanderers Night Song

Rubinstein

Still as the Night-Bohm

Misses Bardwell and Jamieson

Misses Baker and Jamieson and Mrs. Pfister accompanied.

As a special number the hostess had provided a minuet danced by the Miss Florence Wright and Marie Henry of the Science School.

Much credit is due to Mrs. E. H. Jones who had the program in charge.

Mr. L. C. Rusmisl, ex-principal of the Omaha Commercial High School and now traveling for the Rowe Co. of Baltimore, Maryland, spent most of the afternoon Monday with Prof. Prather. The two are old friends.

JUST WAITING FOR WEATHER

Duluth, Huron & Southern Railroad Co. Will Start to Work When Weather Permits

MONEY IS NOW OBTAINED

And After the Final Survey is Made Actual Construction Work Will Begin

In talking over the new railroad and its plans with Chas. E. Wolfe the Times representative was only able to glean a small amount of information as to the plans already on hand by this new railroad. Enough was learned and taken for granted however, actual construction work will soon begin after the opening of the weather.

The plans no doubt are at present to construct that part of the line from Huron to this city and have it in operation before the year is over. In the meantime considerable work will be done between this city and Duluth, Minn., the end of the railroad. The railroad will probably run as far as Carlton, Minn., just outside of Duluth and then enter into Duluth over the N. P. or some other road. To get a franchise to enter Duluth is next to an impossibility, as the Soo for a number of years has been seeking an entrance with many legal battles. This does not mean that the trains will not run into Duluth, but they will, but over another road for some time, so that they can avoid a whole lot of trouble and expense. Thus, having the trains in actual service between Duluth and Huron according to the contracts with the people along the line within their given time.

Frank Budack left Monday morning for Wadena, Minn., where he will join Mr. Morrow, one of the officials of this road and from there these two gentlemen will go to Menahga Minn., and look over the ground there, as it is thought at the present time that this road will pass just south of that city to avoid going around or crossing the lake situated within the borders of that village. Mr. Budack would not state, however, on just what mission he was on.

W. E. Morrow, of Huron, S. D. in a recent Twin City interview states that it is probable that surveys for the proposed Duluth, Huron and Southern railway will be begun early this coming spring and that actual construction work will follow shortly thereafter.

The Minneapolis Daily News says:

"With Mr. Morrow in St. Paul today, were a number of engineers, discussing the route and questions of right-of-way. None of the right-of-way has been purchased, according to Mr. Morrow, but capital is in sight to construct the line.

"The proposed line would touch the big iron ore district in the Cuyuna range and also a large agricultural area in the western part of the state not reached now by railroads. It is probable, according to Mr. Morrow, that surveys will be started early in the spring and actual construction begin before summer. Mr. Morrow would not give the name of the new line or the source of financial backing."

LET YOUR NEIGHBOR KNOW

Let your neighbor know that the Wahpeton Times is making an unusual inducement for new subscribers during the month of March.

Our offer is that we will send the paper one year to any new subscriber for only 50 cents or, any paid in advance subscriber can get their subscription advanced one full year by paying 50 cents or, any subscriber that is now in arrears can by paying the arrearage get the paper one full year for 50 cents.

So kindly remember if you have a neighbor that is not now a subscriber to the Wahpeton Times, let him know what our offer is.

IS THIS WHAT YOU DID

A young man of this city called on a young lady for the evening the other night and after arriving could find nothing to say. After sitting for an hour he was given a pencil and paper and these directions: Draw nine ciphers, draw a line down from the right hand side of the first, up from the right side of the fourth, down from the right hand side of the fifth cipher, up from the right hand side of these events, and down from the right side of the eighth cipher. What did she tell him.

COMMITTEE MET MONDAY

The packing plant committee met Monday afternoon in the Commercial Club rooms and many things were discussed. The trip of the delegates to Minot was listened to and discussed, and it developed at this meeting that Wahpeton has about the best chance in the state to land the packing plant. The next mass meeting will be held sometime the latter part of this month. The site committee of the Equity society will visit the city sometime between now and the 20th of March and after this visit another mass meeting will be called. Several sub-committees were appointed and just what their work is we cannot say at this time.

FREE TO EVERYBODY

The Grout Implement Co. has a Hero Corn Grader that they offer to the use of any one free of charge to grade their corn with. This is an important thing, especially for this year to any one that is going to plant corn, and this charitable offer will no doubt be only appreciated but used by a large number of people that wish to have their corn graded before planting time.

FARGO COLLEGE HERE FRIDAY

One of the Most Interesting Basketball Battles of the Year Will Be Staged

AT THE S. S. S. GYMNASIUM

Tomorrow Night When the Science School Team Meets the Preachers From Fargo

There is going to be war. The first shot will be fired at eight o'clock tomorrow night when the referee will toss a basketball into the air between two opposing basketball centers at the S. S. S. gymnasium.

Both sides have been fully prepared and they won't have the excuse of not being prepared or other excuses. One side is going to get a trimming, and both are about equal. Each side is not going to employ large numbers but the "pick of the nation" or the "flower of the army" but scientific warfare is going to be the main developments of each force. No deadly gases, but just plain manipulation of the hands, feet and brains.

Commander-in-chief Ward of S.S.S. Continental forces has drilled his army in marksmanship and maneuvers, trenching (by digging into the game for all there worth right from the start).

The Science team has been traveling at a high rate of speed in the last battles and the Preachers from Fargo have been converting their opponents at a lively rate by making their opponents realize that they are their Master. So if you love to see a real hot battle you want to be sure that you get there early as standing room will no doubt be at a premium.

There is going to be the annual basketball dance after the game and with the proceeds the boys are going to use them to get their basketball sweaters and those that like the light fantastic art and good music had better make your dates early so as not to be disappointed at the last minute.

40 YEARS OLD TODAY

The Times with this issue is starting on its fortieth year. It is the oldest paper in the county and has had seven different publishers.

It has always been Democratic in politics, and has had a good circulation as the circulation of a weekly newspaper goes.

In looking over its files we find no evidence that it ever had a subscription contest, so that the present subscribers are persons who take the paper because they want it, and there are names on the list today that became subscribers when the paper started, which shows a friendliness and loyalty, that publications do not often enjoy.

BABY DAY, MARCH 8th

Inasmuch as Mar. 4th to Mar. 11th has been decreed The National Baby Week, the Woman's Literary Club of Wahpeton will observe this event in the City Hall Wednesday afternoon at 3 P. M., March 8th.

A very fine program has been arranged which will be of special interest to all interested in child welfare.

It is free and all are welcome.