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Young Men's Club.

One Likely to be Organized in Worthington in Near Future.

The young men of this place are making arrangements for the organizing of a club. They contemplate renting Torrance's hall as a place for holding their meetings, athletics, reading room, etc. This is done that they may have some place to go where congenial companionship can be had, and a place to pass away time. This opens an inexhaustive subject. A town like Worthington with her magnificent churches, and large membership; fine school building with an excellent corps of teachers maintained at a great expense; a public library well under way and no place for young men. They, in order to have some place of amusement, diversion from the ordinary home life and not have to loaf around on the streets, or places not to their liking, are obliged to take the initiative to provide crude quarters for themselves. Three young men have just been reprieved from the death sentence because they took to the saloon for a place to kill time. What young man of any consequence, or possessed of live disposition is going to spend his entire time at home, in the school room, or at church. They must and will have diversion. The men of activity and responsibility of to-day did not confine himself to these three places until he grew to manhood and took up life's burden. Profit by experience and time and provide a place for the young men where they can while away an idle hour unrestrained in their own way. This would accomplish much in elevating the standard of morality, manhood and womanhood of the rising generation. Divert your mind for a few moments from all other considerations to the project undertaken by our young men and see what the outcome will be. The saloons, gambling dens and evil places of resort can be fought and closed up. All boys do not have a tendency to frequent such places any way, but all boys do like a place of amusement, and all boys enjoy legitimate, and moral amusement. The boys of to-day are passing through the same experience their fathers passed through, and, if the fathers experience is, or was, of any benefit to him let him profit by it and afford the son an opportunity of arriving at the age of manhood without being obliged to pass through years of experience that will affect in after years. Here is an opportunity for our people to do something. Our columns are open to original communications on this subject.

Births and Deaths.

Births Win From Grim Reaper by a Large Majority in Nobles County.

Report of births and deaths for the year 1903, Nobles County, Minn.

Place	Births	Deaths
Adrian Vil	24	13
Bigelow "	2	2
Brewster "	8	2
Dundee "	4	0
Ellsworth Vil	12	3
Kinbrae "	2	6
Round Lake "	12	1
Rushmore "	7	2
Wilmont "	1	6
Worthington "	62	20
Bigelow Twp	5	2
Moom "	17	1
Dewald "	15	4
Elk "	12	2
Grand Prairie Twp	9	3
Graham Lakes "	9	4
Hersey "	8	2
Indian Lake "	11	5
Larkin "	11	1
Leota "	11	2
Lisamore "	9	4
Little Rock "	20	4
Lorain "	12	1
Olney "	11	0
Ransom "	14	0
Seward "	26	5
Summit Lake "	19	1
Westside "	4	0
Wilmont "	33	6
Worthington "	15	1
Total	423	99

In 1902 there were 408 births and ninety deaths.

Package Post Bill.

Representative McCleary is Urged to "Turn Measure Down."

Positions to Congressman McCleary have been generally signed in this section asking him to oppose the "Package Post Bill." Opposition to this bill is general throughout the country and the following is given as reasons for such opposition. Retail dealers throughout the entire country are opposed to "Package Post Bill" as it will be found decidedly against their interests. The fellows who are pushing this matter are the proprietors of the big department stores, as should the idea become a law it would place them in a position to mail many articles at very low cost. It is a case where the big fellows who are looking for more worlds to conquer, are pushing it along. The bill is opposed to the interests of every retail dealer in the United States, and as the big fellows appear to have had altogether the best of the fight for wealth for many years, it would no doubt be a good idea for congress to turn down the proposition. The retail dealers of our country are in need of protection from the grasping monopolies of the large cities.—Madelia Messenger.

Receive Red Hats.

Our Foot Ball Boys Receive Honors, Wednesday.

Wednesday morning was a proud day for some of the members of the football squad. The squad of 1903 numbered fifteen, nine of them were presented with red hats. On the front of the crown is the representation of a foot ball in black, on this, the letters "W. H.", worked with red silk. Notwithstanding the cold day the boys wear the hats and say they are so warm they don't notice the cold.

These honors are presented to those who played in four games last season, namely, Chas. Haggard, Fremont Dow, Harry Nichols, Morrell Ramage, John Ramage, Harris Darling, Roscoe Oxford, Earl McKeever, and Ray Hawley. This idea was taken from the State University where the members of the foot ball team are presented with letter "M" and to receive one is considered a great honor, and the wearer is the envy of his associates who will strive to gain a record that will entitle him to the same honor.

We believe this plan of recognition a good thing for any school, as it stimulates the boys in their studies and creates a desire to participate in athletics. A boy that is not fond of athletics is afflicted in some way. Further, a student participating in athletics is obliged to be up to a certain standard or he cannot engage in any school contest of athletic sports. In this, there is an incentive for a student, as one will not want to be marked as not being up to grade and not as smart as his classmate.

Supt. Nicholas made the presentation, explaining why they were bestowed. J. J. Kies was present and made a few remarks to stimulate the boys in their studies which will assist in fitting others in having similar honors conferred upon them another year.

ADRIAN MATTRESS COMPANY HAS QUIT BUYING.

The Mattress Company now has all the husks that can be used until some definite arrangements are made to start the proposed factory. Unless the necessary machinery can be purchased outright, instead of leased, the factory may not be started at all. The committee has found that a trust controls practically all mattress machinery and leases it on exorbitant terms, but will not sell it at any price. Thus far the committee has not been able to find a firm that is not in the trust.

Many mattress-makers do the work by hand, and if the factory is started here, is not likely that machines will be used. The matter will be settled in a short time, and if a factory is not opened the husks will be baled and sold.

The Entertainment.

Meeting Held on Saturday Last a Grand Success.

The meeting at the M. E. Church under the auspices of the Nobles County Teachers Association Friday evening, was a complete success.

At 8 o'clock the main auditorium and galleries of the large church were packed to overflowing. Rev. Thos. Hamby opened the exercises with an appropriate prayer. Then followed, for two hours, an entertainment pleasing and instructive in a high degree. The classical nature of the music and its splendid rendition by the Brewster Orchestra brought out frequent and hearty applause from the large audience. The two solos by Miss Damon, the violin solo by Mr. Rudolph Geyerman and the piano solo by Mrs. Wells evidenced the rare musical ability of these people. The address of Prof. C. W. G. Hyde of Minneapolis, on "What and How to Read" was in keeping with the rest of the program, a splendid production, classical, scholarly, profound; possible only to a mind well stored and thoroughly disciplined, and delivered with the force and effectiveness of the trained orator.

The Association also held two very interesting sessions on Saturday. Papers were read by Prof. Moore of Kinbrae, Prof. Nicholas of Worthington and an address on School Government was delivered by Prof. I. T. Branigan. Papers were discussed and many good points brought out by Prof. Hall of Rushmore, Prof. Hyde of Minneapolis, Prof. Anderson of Adrian, and others. A very enjoyable feature of the meeting was the vocal music rendered by the young ladies and young gentlemen of the Worthington H. S. The choruses and quartettes rendered by these spirited young people seemed to touch a responsive chord in the teachers assembled, who cheered them roundly, calling for them again and again.

The thanks of the Association were tendered Prof. Hyde, Prof. Nicholas, Prof. Branigan, the musicians, Rev. Hamby and his congregation and all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Woman's Sad Plight.

While Being Shipped By Freight Narrowly Escapes Death By Freezing.

To save railroad fare from Mentor, Minn., to Buford, N. D., a woman was bundled into a box to be shipped as baggage on the ticket purchased by her husband. The story came to Crookston, yesterday, brought by well known railroad men, and it seems the scheme was in a fair way to go through had the train been on time.

Unfortunately, however, there was a delay of two hours during which time the box with its human freight lay on the platform in the bitter cold. The woman was plucky and determined and stood the uncomfortable situation as long as possible.

But fear of freezing to death, together with the pain of her cramped position, caused her to make her presence known. Her cries were heard by the station agent and he opened the box, to find the woman in a bad way from the suffering endured.

When the trick was exposed the baggage privileges of the man's ticket became practically valueless, and he was told he would have to get a ticket for the wife if she was to accompany him. What became of the family is not known, as they left the station soon as the woman was sufficiently thawed out to travel and failed to return in time to take the train. The identity of the man was not discovered, but it is presumed they were poor people who lacked the funds to pay for transportation for the entire family and adopted a plan whereby they might travel for less than the prescribed rates.

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Froze to Handle.

Peculiar Accident Happens to a Fairmont Youth.

Fairmont, Minn., Feb. 1.—Sydney Jones, aged ten years, met with a most peculiar and distressing accident. On a very cold morning he went out to pump a pail of water. By accident his lips and tongue came in touch with the iron pump handle and the frosty metal held him a prisoner. He could not call for help and his predicament was not discovered for about twenty minutes. His lips and tongue were badly frozen and he has since been confined to his bed.

Against Swearing.

Wisconsin Roman Catholic Societies Forming Anti-Profanity Clubs.

All the Roman Catholic societies of Appleton, Wis., numbering nine or ten, with a thousand or more members, have formed one society, the object is to refrain from profanity. It was on the earnest appeal of the priests of the city that this action was taken. Each member is pledged to observe the third commandment. The agitation has spread to other Wisconsin cities, and Roman Catholic societies, and all other expect to take the same action. One of the lay readers in the movement is John J. Sherman, president of the First National Bank of Appleton.—Mankato Review.

Foster's Weather.

Few Lines About the Weather of the Future.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross the continent Feb. 2 to 6, warm wave Feb. 1 to 5, cool wave Feb. 4 to 8. The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about Feb. 7, cross west of the Rockies by the close of Feb. 8, great central valleys Feb. 9 to 11, eastern states Feb. 12. A warm wave will cross west of the Rockies about Feb. 7, great central valleys Feb. 9, eastern states Feb. 11. A cool wave will cross west of the Rockies about Feb. 12, eastern states Feb. 14.

The feature of this disturbance that will be of most interest will be its cold wave, rains south and snow north. The storms will develop considerable force but not such as is expected near Feb. 3 and 17. The cold wave will be general but not very severe till it gets out on the Atlantic about Feb. 16 or 17.

Indications are for average February temperatures in the great central valleys above average in the northeastern and southwestern states. Coldest weather will come with the cold wave to reach meridian 90 about Feb. 2 and warmest weather with warm wave to reach meridian 90 about Feb. 17. Most precipitation will come with the rain belts that will reach meridian 90 about Feb. 1 and 18. Storms will be at their greatest force near Feb. 3 and 17. Rainfall of the month will be generally about or above normal except in the southeastern states where it will be below normal.

I surely made excellent forecasts of all cold waves for the winter so far as we know of. Such success deserves serious attention by all thinking people and as we cannot hope for advancement by the present short range weather bureau is it not time for congress to think about establishing a long range weather bureau? This might stir the present weather bureau to greater exertions.

Those desiring long range weather forecasts for any purpose will receive valuable information by enclosing 2 cent stamp to Postoffice box 123 Washington, D. C.

Mothers can safely give Foley's Honey and Tar to their children for coughs and colds, for it contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by City Pharmacy.

Club Organized.

Young Men Meet and Perfect Organization Monday Eve.

The young men interested in organizing an athletic and amusement association, met in the office of Dr. Dodge, Monday evening to select officers and transact such other business as would result in a formal and permanent organization. At this meeting the following officers were elected: President, J. J. Kies; Manager, Arthur Steinhouse; Secretary and treasurer, W. F. Evans; Vice Presidents, Ira King, Jay Wolven, Clifford Loveless, Harry Nichols; Committee on by laws, Stelle Smith, W. I. Carpenter, J. M. Plotts; Managing committee, Art Steinhouse, Jay Wolven, Ira King. The following is the present membership: Dr. F. E. Walker, Merritt Harding, W. G. Ramage, J. M. Arbes, W. I. Carpenter, Dr. G. R. Gholz, "Duff" Thoutie, E. E. Ellis, Dr. W. J. Dodge, Jos. Kies, Wallace Evans, Alford Lundell, E. Sterling, C. R. Wakefield, R. R. Smith, C. H. Pannell, J. M. Plotts, Archie Moberly, F. C. Tripp, H. Barris, A. Steinhouse, Stelle Smith, Will Devaney, Glen Baker, Ray Hawley, Jay Wolven, Harry Nichols, Clifford Loveless. This is a good start for a club of this character.

One of the prominent rules of the club will be, no swearing, drinking intoxicating liquors or gambling.

The boys are at a loss for an appropriate name and are open to suggestions, they say, especially from the young ladies.

By this it will be seen that the boys are in earnest with the purpose to secure a place of congeniality that will not have contaminating influences. The young men should be encouraged and assisted, so long as they keep within bounds and conduct their quarters so as to meet the approval of every self-respecting citizen. We don't believe there is a person within our village that will not say this is a good movement.

Boys who take the initiative to provide a place where they can profitably spend a few idle hours, will grow up and become reputable citizens commanding the respect and esteem of all. The boys are to be commended for their efforts and the example they are setting for the younger element. Their action also appeals to those men and women who hold meetings of different kinds with a view of doing some thing for the young men. After years of waiting the boys have done something for themselves. They are not appealing to our citizens for aid and support but soliciting the membership of every young man with an aim to cultivate good habits and grow into manhood with elevating influence. Young men united with this purpose in view will certainly elevate themselves to the highest pinnacle of American Citizenship. Now is the time for those interested in keeping the young men from evil influence to bestir themselves and act. Their aim is high, are we going to encourage or discourage it? They are making no secret of their purpose nor parading what they hope to accomplish. Help them while they are legitimately endeavoring to help themselves lest they become discouraged and the reaction sets in. In our estimation their effort is among the noblest work now being conducted in our city. It is easy to educate mentally but to form character requires more than a teacher. To christianize is difficult but is made easier by a high standard of morality.

Market Report.

(Corrected daily at 4:00 p. m.)

Rye—45c
Oats—38c-41c
Flax, No. 1—95c
Corn—29
Barley—1-925c
Timothy—\$1.75
Wheat, No. 1—75c
Wheat, No. 2—62c
Wheat, rejected—55c
Eggs—20c
Butter—16c-20c
Potatoes—85c
Hogs—\$3.50-\$3.65
Cattle, Steers—\$2.25-\$2.75
Cows and Heifers—\$1.25-\$1.75
Baled Hay—\$6.00-\$7.00

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A New Swindle.

School Dist. Officers are Warned Against Itinerant Agents.

County school officers cannot be too careful how they make bargains with itinerant agents and pretended agents. In many counties adjacent to Blue Earth certain individuals have been approaching school officers with a so-called book-keeping course covering ten years' work. In connection with the course they offer three or four books, the price of the course and the books being represented as \$4.75 per year for ten years, the district having the privilege of annulling the contract at the end of any full year if desired. The officers are required to sign a contract which makes them jointly and severally responsible for the payment of the amount claimed by the company. The officers do not realize that they are personally responsible.

The contract order which they sign is developed into a note not for \$4.75 but for \$47.50, the amount pledged to be paid for the entire ten years, bearing the signature of each of the school officers of the district ordering.

Superintendent Freeman states that he has been personally informed of this plan having been worked in districts in adjacent counties, but has no personal knowledge of its being worked in Blue Earth County. He takes this opportunity, however, of forewarning school officers.

Under no circumstances does he grant letters of recommendation to parties whose standing he does not know, nor will he submit a list of his teachers or school officers to irresponsible parties.

A short time ago a teacher came to the city with an account of how the above described swindling scheme had been worked in the very district where she taught. The surprise of the school officers can be imagined when they received notice from the bank at which the note had been discounted that the first installment on the note was due.

One of the officers went to the bank and looked at the note and saw that it was simply the contract which he and the other officers had signed, with the lower part torn off. One of the officers declared that if any fellow ever came into his district again with anything to sell he (the school officer) would use a shot gun or club.—Mankato Free Press.

Bankers Will Meet

At Mankato February 24—Great Gathering of Money-men.

C. T. Tupper of Worthington, cashier of the Citizens' bank of that city and chairman of Group No. 2 of the Minnesota Bankers' association, was in the city this morning arranging for the annual meeting of the group to take place in this city on Feb. 24 next. The bankers will come together from all parts of the second congressional district at the invitation of the bankers of Mankato who will act as hosts and arrange the details of time, place and the like. The meeting will be largely educational in character, papers being delivered and discussed on various problems that concern the Minnesota banker.

Mr. Tupper says business is quite slack at Worthington owing to the failure of the crops last year by reason of the excessive moisture. Corn has been imported from Iowa all through the winter to feed the cattle and hogs, which will be brought to market in vast numbers in the spring. As soon as the stock selling season opens, it is expected that the trade of the farmers will cause Worthington's business to brighten up a bit.

The ground has been draining off nicely and farmers are hopeful that the soil will be in good condition to be worked this spring for the seeding. Mr. Tupper says it is not so much hail as rain that caused the crop failure in his part of the state.—Mankato Free Press.

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