B. P. O. E. Convention All There

By "HELLO BILL"

Dickinson, N. D., June 17.—Ladies and Gentlemen: We have here an uncensored report of the Elks convention, slipped through the lines by the Dickinson Press:

As the dust of the punchers flying steeds cleared away, the parade fell in line for the big march and 2,000 Elks marched in perfect order, excepting when stopping to admire themselves in their natty new white uniform and purple trimmings, lead by no less a personage than our own Major A. J. Osborn, mayor of the south side, who proudly guided his spirited charger at the head of the biggest bunch of Bills that ever marched down Villard street. A big mixup occurred at the Benzie corner because these Bills wouldn't pass at the bank; but when Pete Berringer vouched for the gang, the parade reformed and followed the setting sun to the show grounds in the west.

Leading the Bismarck delegation with its famous booster band could be seen Bandmaster Wellington Irysh, walking as stiff and erect as a man with a boil on his neck, and artistically swinging his baton while his bugle blowers rent the air with the melodious strains of their own composition.

A little high school girl on the side lines was heard to chirp, "O, isn't he just too sweet, it's a bear," and Bismarck will go down in history as one who was there.

Next in line came the delegation from the little town on the Jim river that boasts a nut factory, wearing purple hat bands, a self asserted air and singing a little tune, "The Asylum is our Town, but You See We're Not in It." A Valley City Elk heard the singers and remarked, "One of the saddest sights of my young life is to see the miscarriage of justice." One of the obese lads from Jimtown could not stand the heat and the strenuous efforts of walking, altogether too much like work, got his Nanny and he fell by the wayside and took the count before the end of the big parade. That his heart was in the right place, he asked the brothers not to delay the show, and he pillowed his head, on a cake of ice and told the boys never to grow fat.

After the pictures were all made, and most of the marchers had worn blisters on their heels and their collars hung around their necks like a forlorn hope, they arrived at the big show ground for the afternoon performance. Aside from the many arrivals by train and foot some flew in and others blew in, many drove their high powered Limousines valued as high as thirty-two cents, and attracting much attention.

Arriving at the spacious arena where the Mexican long horns gleamed in the sun as to dare the wranglers to do their worst and the riders were already making sport of the fray, and our hero found the grandstand filled to overflowing and Senator McBride walking up and down looking for a seat.

Manager Gardner had just finished a hair-raising demonstration of staying on the hurricane deck of the meanest outlaw in the herd and the noise and the cheers had not yet died away when a mixture of German and English perforated the skyline from the west side of the bleachers where Teddy Hartung and John Reiner were having a big sauerkrauted argumentation discussing the speed made by the little first cowboy race. Teddy said his man rode faster than Roosevelt mopped up Bull Moose votes at Chicago last week, while Reiner declared his favorite possessed as great a speed as the Kaiser Wilhelm licking the English.

Another brilliant dance was given at the Elk Hall Saturday night after the final prizes had been given out, all the bulls ridden and made, and the last cow wrangler mounted his pony and disappeared over the horizon, to remember the Dickinson State convention as one of the pleasing events of his life. The tired but happy delegates boarded their special trains for home and the final toot of the band concerts died away in the distance. The Queen City had tackled a big stunt and gotten by with it, visitors said. The sun prepared to add another day to the history of the world as it sank in magnificent glory behind the gold topped hills of the west, and all was still in silent satisfaction of good work well done. Late at night when busy streets were quiet, the footsteps of a single Goodfellow echoed through the solitude as he made his way to the Shrine of Comradeship, Dick-inson Lodge B. P. O. Elks, No. 1137, and reverently pausing before the Altar just as the chiming bells of a nearby clock rang out the hour of eleven, he heard the voices of many members say: "The good deeds of our brothers are written upon tablets of memory, their faults we write upon the sands."—Copyright 1137. All rights preserved.

SWITCHBOX FEATURE ON OVERLANDS GREAT AID TO WOMEN DRIVERS

Women are becoming more and more proficient automobile drivers. This is the opinion of John N. Willys, presiden t of The Willys-Overland Company, and the biggest individual in the latest automobile merger.

"This development," said Mr. Willys, in speaking of the increase in the number of women drivers, "is due largely to the many improvements in automobile construction. The engineers at our big Toledo plant, keeping in mind the use of all of our models by women as well as by men, have reduced the mechanism of our cars to simplicity itself.

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SIDELIGHTS ON THE BIG B. P. O. E. CONVENTION

Dickinson, N. D., June 17.—Elks and their friends poured in from all directions and crowds far exceeded the expectations of the optimistic management. Special trains line the railroad yards, automobiles are simply stacked along the curbings. Every available room in town is filled.

Some Wild West.

People who have attended the largest wild west shows in this country say the big Dickinson arena is far ahead of all of them as regards grounds, fence and corrals. Seating capacity for over 2,000 people and safe standing room for as many more.

Manager George Gardner had everything connected with the running of the wild west events well in hand and sure cut loose some thrilling scenes for the fans. Everything was done to avoid any unpleasant happenings, but with the outlaw horses and wild steers that are bent on not being conquered, there were many hair-breadth escapes.

Cowboys Everywhere.

Friday morning, early, the streets were fairly swarming with cowboys and visitors anxious to take part in or see the very first excitement on the program. The hotels and restaurants were playing to crowded houses and the guests were being taken care of very nicely.

Manager George Gardner, who had charge of the wild west part of the two big days, had an abundance of entries for the different arena contests signed up to more than insure the carrying out of all the hair-raising battles of man and beast on the program.

Outlaw Horses.

Two cars of the worst outlaw horseflesh that could be obtained were unloaded and acted as if they were ready to hand the first puncher a package that came within reach.

These steers were brought up from Mexico by W. L. Richards, along with a trainload of Texas cattle, and were looking fine after a brief period of grazing on North Dakota's rich grass. Any cowman will allow that it is a man's job to bulldog one of these boys.

Girl Buster.

A unique and thrilling part of the wild west show was a Montana cowgirl, from Miles City, who can ride tough outlaws that would make some of the best punchers pull leather.

Thursday evening the Elks were busy in special session for the initiation of a large class of candidates.

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USE OF SHIPS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT IN SAME BATTLE WAS PREDICTED 16 YEARS AGO BY UNITED STATES NAVAL ENGINEER

Picture painted 16 years ago by Louis Gathmann, predicting use of sh ips, submarines and aircraft in battle at the same time.

Washington, June 17.—Sixteen years ago, Louis Gathmann, navel engineer and inventor of the Gathmann shell, using high explosive, predicted a naval battle in which armored ships, submarines and aircraft would all take part.

Descriptions of the great naval battle in the North sea between the British and German battle fleets bear out the prediction made by this naval expert before aircraft and submarines were considered as serious factors in naval warfare.

Gathmann's invention of the detonating fuse by which the use of high explosives in shells fired from naval vessels was made possible, is, he claims, in use in the German navy, after being rejected by the U. S. government.

NO SLACK IN RUSSIAN DRIVE

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coast batteries and aeroplanes driving off the hostile craft.

Army Corps Dispatched.

Two German army corps have been sent to Galicia and two Bulgarian divisions have been sent to Bukowina, according to a Kiev dispatch to the Russki Invalid, transmitted by a Reuter's correspondent. The railway line between Rovno and Rojitch, says the dispatch, has sustained little damage.

Reach Agreement.

An agreement had been reached between the French and German governments for the regular distribution of bread and clothes to French prisoners in Germany. Parcels of such supplies now can be sent in bulk, instead of individual parcels, as hitherto.

Have Short Engagement.

One of the shortest engagements of the war appears to have been one between the Austrians and Italians at Monfalcone, as described by the correspondent of the Milan Ceolo, the Italian guns destroyed barbed wire entaglements and leveled every yard of the opposing force's ground in exactly ten minutes. Austrian losses in their trench along about a mile in length, are estimaed a 2,000.

Expert Dry Cleaning. Klein.

The packers are seeing to it that we don't eat too much meat. Their embargo through high prices is almost as effective as the kaiser's.

BODY TAKEN HOME.

The body of John Rantz, aged 14, who died in one of the local hospitals, was taken to his home in Underwood, the last of the week, where funeral services will be held and interment made. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rantz, Sr., well known people of that place.

CODDING ELECTED PRINCIPAL.

Clair L. Codding of Hannaford, N. D., was yesterday elected principal of the Mandan schools to succeed W. R. Morton, resigned.

Miss May Finnigan, who has been spending some time in Glen Ullin, has arrived in the city to visit friends over Sunday.

U. S. ARTILLERY LINED UP IN BATTLE ARRAY IN MEXICO FOR PROTECTION AGAINST BANDITS!

A stranger dropped suddenly into the northern part of Mexico would have not much trouble getting the idea the United States is actually at war. Artillery is stationed along the line of communication from the border to Gen. Pershing's headquarters in regular army array. The picture shows part of the artillery. Gen. Pershing has taken every precaution to protect his line of communication from roving bandits and at the same time is giving his troopers training in artillery practice.