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THIS CITY WELL SUPPLIED WITH HOTEL FACILITIES

Making the City an Ideal One for Conventions or Large Gatherings for Any Purpose—Eight Thousand Strangers can Easily be Accommodated at One Time.

Grand Forks has unrivaled hotel facilities. There is no other city in North Dakota which can handle as large a crowd of transients as can Grand Forks. The hotels of the city can accommodate approximately 1,500 guests by crowding them to the maximum capacity. Not only are the hotels large and numerous but the standard of service is high. In addition to the large hotel capacity, the city has a large number of restaurants and innumerable rooms in private houses which are at the disposal of any great gathering like a state political convention or the gathering of state teachers or those interested in drainage in the northwest. Grand Forks is the natural convention city of the state, owing not alone to its hotel accommodations but to its unrivaled railroad facilities as well.

Grand Forks is noted as having the largest and best hotel in the northwest between Minneapolis and Spokane. The Hotel Decotah would be a credit to a city of 100,000 inhabitants. It is not only large but it is the best in every particular from the dining room service to the most bedroom. Neither time nor money is spared to make the guest feel at home and place at his command every convenience known to modern hotel life. The building is of red pressed brick and is 140x125 feet with four stories above the basement, giving a floor space of 87,500 square feet. The bedrooms number 150, with sample rooms, parlors, dining room, lobby, kitchen, lavatories, etc. While the normal capacity of the hotel is 200 guests, by the free use of cots it has been made to hold 500 people. It is invaluable as the headquarters of conventions.

The equipment is first class in every particular. The dining room is large and well lighted and is handsomely decorated. It will accommodate 150 guests at a time and the service cannot be excelled in the northwest. The management furnish a table that is all that could be desired by the most fastidious epicure and the fare of the Decotah is known far and wide among the traveling public. The hotel is furnished with 50 baths and the service of hot and cold water extends to all parts of the building. It is lighted throughout by electricity, but it is also fitted with gas for emergencies. It is steam heated. The lobby is large and pleasant, with the flooring. The free bus service on all trains is run day and night and 10 large sample rooms accommodate the drummer and the weary delegate to large conventions when he is looking for shelter for the night. Like all large modern hotels, the Decotah is provided with a couple of Japs for bell boys. The old Hotel Decotah was built by Bacon & Wood on the present site and opened to the public on Dec. 17, 1898. It burned on Dec. 17, 1897, and was rebuilt and reopened to the public on Dec. 20, 1898.

known to the public. He is a very successful hotel and business man and has done much to assist in bringing Grand Forks to the forefront as the best hotel town in the northwest. The Imperial hotel, near the Great Northern station on DeMers avenue, is one of the oldest hotels in the city. It has forty guest chambers and can accommodate 60 guests with possibly a 100 by use of cots. The dining room accommodates 65 and is modern and pleasant. The hotel is considered one of the best in the city and enjoys a good patronage. M. J. O'Connor is the manager and proprietor.

The New York, Fourth and DeMers avenue, has fifteen rooms and accommodates 25 guests and could store away 35 with the free use of cots. The dining room holds 65 people and has excellent service. Mathewson & Keenling as the proprietors.

The Ingalls house is one of the old established hotels of the city and has 42 rooms with accommodations for 65 to 100 guests. The house is well conducted and has a flattering run of patronage is good and the service excellent. The dining room accommodates 60 people. The house is managed by Mrs. H. Maloney.

The Hotel Ryan has 30 excellent guest rooms and can accommodate 75 people. There is no dining room in connection. H. P. Ryan, proprietor.

The Central House, at the corner of Bruce and Fourth streets, has 23 guest rooms and accommodates 60 people. The dining room capacity is 30. John White is the proprietor.

The Hotel Martin, South Third street has 30 guest chambers, and accommodates 75 people. The dining room accommodates 20. H. Martinson, proprietor.

The Hotel Hall, at 311 Third street, has 18 guest chambers and can accommodate 40 people. Its dining capacity is 40. E. E. Rafter, proprietor.

The Northwestern Hotel, at 121 South Fourth street, has four guest rooms and can accommodate 10 guests. It has a dining room service of 14. Robert Jones, proprietor.

The Park Hotel, at 126 South Fifth street, has 63 guest chambers and accommodates 100 people. The dining room capacity is 50. A. Knudson, proprietor.

The Hotel Antlers is one of the most popular hotels in the state. While it is one of the newest in the city it is not unknown and enjoys a large patronage. The building occupied by the Antlers was refitted for a hotel some three years ago. It is a large and roomy structure and has been made modern throughout. It has 80 guest chambers with a capacity of 175 or 200 when crowded. The dining room accommodates 75 people and is a pleasant and well arranged room with modern and handsome furniture. It has a number of large and serviceable sample rooms and first class facilities. T. E. Burke, the new manager, who assumed control last week, is a thorough hotel man and he expects to make the house more popular in the future than it has been in the past. It will continue to be first class throughout and give the best of service to its patrons.

The Hotel Northern is one of Grand Forks' oldest and best hotels. It is known over the northwest to the traveling public and has an enviable reputation. It is situated near the Great Northern station, and is patronized liberally by the traveling public. The equipment as to baths and sample rooms is all that could be desired. It has modern heat and light equipment and the comforts of the guests are carefully looked after. The dining room seats 64 and is well suited for comfort and first class service. The building has 49 guest chambers and can accommodate 80 people. The landlord, H. M. Wells, has been in active charge of this hotel for a number of years. His care and favorably better by resolutions at the beginning

of the year but by constant effort and never allowing yourself to be discouraged by failure.

H. B. Finch: I am resolved to sell more goods in North Dakota and Minnesota this year than ever. Our house here and at Crookston cannot complain of the business during the past year, but with constantly increasing population and wealth of our territory, we expect to do a much larger business this year.

J. D. Bacon: I am resolved for the new year not to go out on the street without my rubbers and take chances of falling down while rubbering in at the brand new machinery which The Evening Times is installing. I furnished considerable amusement to a number of small boys by taking such chances on Christmas day but have not made any future date for a repetition of the performance.

R. B. Griffith: I am resolved to make the finest store out of the Ontario in the northwest with the finishing of the new building. Neither pains nor expense will be spared to make it modern and well equipped in every particular. The people of Grand Forks and the Ontario store always tries to be fair and considerate in return.

E. H. Kent: I am resolved to sell more real estate in the coming year than I have sold in the past year. It is going to be a good year with us and we expect to make a lot of people happy by selling them North Dakota and Grand Forks dirt.

Mark Iverman: I am going to stop talking perhaps. I find some satisfaction in making resolutions and breaking them. It is such a comfort to feel that you are doing something you ought not to do.

W. B. Wood of the Hotel Decotah: I have not had time to get settled down and make any New Year resolutions, and I think I'll paddle around in the same old course for another year.

J. O'Neill of the Opera House Confectionary store: There's nothing to these New Year resolutions. I've been there before.

S. Panovitz, Furniture store: We intend to keep up the high standard of goods we have had in the past and will better our services and facilities.

Secretary Tuttle of the Y. M. C. A.: About the only resolution we can make is to enlarge our membership and make the membership mean more in the lives of men than it ever has before.

Geo. B. Clifford, real estate: I will not make any resolutions for publication because if a man makes resolutions under his breath and then breaks them no one knows about it, and he is not regarded as a backslider.

H. C. Moore, baggage man at the Great Northern depot: I have resolved to be more careful in handling trunks and see all "with care" and "this side up" cards.

Gas Myers, manager Metropolitan opera house: I am going to treat every person who comes up to the box office with a five dollar gold piece, but another resolution will be to get another show like those put up by the Nelson company if I can.

Mr. Harold Nelson of the Harold Nelson company: I will try to be as

loyal to the public as the public has been to me and that is saying a good deal. They have always used me "white" as the boys say.

G. F. Blackburn, photographer: I am thankful for my patronage in the past and hope to please my customers in 1906.

Tracy Bangs attorney: I quit making New Year's resolutions years ago. It takes all of my time to keep my head on my work.

Willis A. Joy: I am resolved that I am going to have all kinds of fun out of the fact that the republican factions of this state are going to tell the truth about each other. It is evident that they are, and that is what we democrats have been waiting for for fifteen years.

Mayor G. A. Duls: We should resolve to make Grand Forks the best city in the northwest. Let every one boost and all of the knockers move out. We should welcome every new enterprise, including the Evening Times, and make an effort to secure every business that will spend money for the good of the city.

Henry Hancock, registrar of deeds: In the New Year we are going to keep the office in the same up-to-date manner as in the past.

Hans Anderson, county auditor: If I have any resolutions I will not let them be known.

L. K. Hassell: I intend to keep as close to my work as possible.

Police Judge J. R. Church: I don't see the use of New Year's resolutions. I live but one day or hour at a time and each day is a New Year to me. I am an opportunist and do the best I can when the moment of action arrives and I guess that is what most people do regardless of resolves.

Col. Brown: I am resolved to continue to be as hale and hearty for many New Years to come. I have also resolved to miss no opportunity to boost Grand Forks and North Dakota; I have missed no such chance for many years and do not intend to begin this late in life. As I am out of the United States land office now I will have nothing else to do for some time.

Geo. F. Rich: I am resolved to cover the northern half of the state of North Dakota for the Mutual Life Insurance company for the year 1906 as I have not covered it during the year 1905. It is rapidly filling with people and they all need insurance. This is but one of my resolves. The others are of a personal nature and I do not intend to make a confident of the public.

City Auditor Frank Brown: I am resolved to bar reporters and chloroform Brock on all holidays and before and after legal hours every day so that I can keep up with my work. Brock's habit of talking is growing on him with age, and I fear to think of what he will come to in after years.

City Treasurer Brockhoff: City Auditor Brown is the source of all my resolves. I am going to try and stop talking for fifteen minutes each day to give Brown a chance to do his duty to the city of Grand Forks. I am also resolved to take and read The Evening Times during the year and I wish it a most happy New Year.

Chief of Police Lows: I am resolved to devote a portion of my time this

IN THEIR NEW HOME

The Fire Department Will Move Into Their New and Commodious Quarters on February First.

On February first the Grand Forks fire department will take possession of their new home on Fourth street and International avenue. The building is now completed all but the interior finishings which will be done in time for its occupancy at that time. The building is of brick and is two stories with the dimensions of 30x70 feet. The ground floor is given to the store room for the apparatus and stable for the horses. The upper floor will be occupied by the firemen as a sleeping apartment and general lounging and reading rooms together with baths and a feed room for the stables. The building cost \$10,000. The new hall will be occupied by a portion of the department and a fire engine and hose carts. The old hall will house the remainder of the department and a hook and wagon ladder and hose carts. The changes will take place on February first.

On January first three new men will be added to the already existing force of seven and this will give the city a very formidable fighting force. In just what proportion the men will be divided between the two halls has not yet been determined upon. The new men will be determined upon later.

Thirteenth Anniversary.

Last month the Grand Forks paid fire department celebrated their thirteenth birthday anniversary. In December 1892 the department was organized after ten years of volunteer fire service. The department is volunteer and paid, dates from the year 1882 and has had its home for most of the 23 years of its existence in the old fire hall near the county court house. The department has suffered from several large fires in its history, they have been of the nature where the firemen were on the scene too late.

A. H. Runge the present chief acts as chief engineer and has been with the company two years. John J. Fitzgerald is the dean of the organization, having served since the reorganization of the department in 1892. He is chief engineer and chief.

H. J. Lyons, the steamer engineer has been with the present force for three years.

John Bennett, his assistant, has been connected with the department for two years.

E. Cassel, the plumber, has also been two years with the force. J. C. Benson and E. A. Hart, the

drivers, have seen three and two years service respectively. In addition to the paid members, who can be called out in case of need. When the present organization began its career there were four volunteer organizations which gradually merged into this one of eight, and they have been called out but few times in the history of the city.

New Lockers Installed.

Secretary Tuttle of the Y. M. C. A. has just received 25 new steel lockers which will be installed on the first floor for the use of the business men. A rate will be made to them of \$25 which will include membership fee, locker rent, towels, etc. It will be a convenient arrangement for business men.

New Books at Library. The Carnegie public library is in receipt of a consignment of new books. They are generally divided among the various departments and will assist materially in making an imposing array of volumes on the shelves of the institution.

AN EMPIRE IN ITSELF

Ward County's Wonderful Development Reads Like a Fairy Tale—Larger Than Two Eastern States.

E. J. Warren, county superintendent of schools of Ward county who was in the city last week in attendance on the meeting of the N. D. E. A., has the oversight of the schools in an empire in itself. The following facts which he gave to an Evening Times man during the course of a conversation in a hotel lobby are indicative of the great state of North Dakota and the great distances which prevail. To quote Mr. Warren:

"We have the largest county in the state, not alone in the number of square miles which it contains but in population as well. It has an area as great as the states of Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined with the District of Columbia thrown in. You can ride for 175 miles by rail without leaving the county or the comforts of your coach. The county has 300 school districts with as many towns of the county at a cost of from \$5,000 to \$18,000. In addition to this there will be a large number built in the country districts next summer. I wonder if any other county in the United States can tell a tale so marvelous as this of growth and enterprise."

The story told by Mr. Warren reads like a fairy tale—no less wonderful than "Cinderella and the Glass Slipper." A single county with more territory than two of the great states of the union and with a growth that taxes one's imagination. A county that can build 100 school houses in a single summer, a net increase of one-half must have great resources as well as an energetic and enterprising people. What must be the source of a state with such a county, and what