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ALL ROADS LEAD TO WILLISTON MARKET DAY, SATURDAY AUGUST 22

MARKET DAY IS A SURE THING

BUSINESS MEN OF WILLISTON ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE MARKET PROPOSITION.

Williston will have a regular market day. The proposition as outlined in last week's Graphic, has been taken hold of by the business men of the city in an energetic manner and it is the intention to pull off the first sale on August 22, one week from next Saturday.

Mr. Gillen, who is promoting the sale idea, has toured all of the northwest during the past nine months and has made a wonderful success of the movement. He is a capable man, and so thoroughly versed in the art of holding sales that he never fails to ring in a large crowd of farmers. At Minot recently on the opening of the first sale the crowd of farmers in the city was so large that the streets were literally jammed with the wagons and carts which brot the sons of toil and their wives and daughters and sons into the city to pick up the hundreds of snaps which were offered in all lines of goods. Mr. Gillen goes on the assumption that farmers, like all other mortals, are looking for "bargains" and that they want to procure stuff which they need as low as possible in price. He also figures that the merchants of any city want to do a large business, "move their goods" and in order to do this are willing to sacrifice on some portions of their stocks in order to get large crowds of purchasers into the city.

In this way, by having the stores in turn cut prices, and by permitting the farmers and citizens of the county and surrounding country to place any second hand wares they may have on hand, horses, cattle or vehicles on the block during the auction on market days a great many bargains will be available, and a farmer after attending a sale and procuring a number of good pickups will be a constant visitor in the city on market day. He will cut out the habit of sending away to the catalogue houses for his goods, and the local dealers will thereby benefit. Box car merchants and cheap peddling concerns which tour the country regularly will lose, and the merchants of the city will benefit.

All of the farmers tributary to Williston will be circularized and ads will be printed in the papers of the county calling the attention of the farmers to market day, and the various bargains which will be on tap in Williston during the progress of the auction. A large number of horses and cattle will be listed and the farmers will be asked to bring in anything they may have on hand which they may want to dispose of at the sale.

The result will be an enormous crowd in the city and the transaction of a vast volume of business, a great deal of which has heretofore frittered away to other channels. Farmers naturally would sooner trade at a large store in a modern up-to-date city than in the little places or by mail, but the merchants of Williston must make some inducement to them to get them to come to the city to do their shopping. The market day

will accomplish the object by appealing to their purse strings.

The Commercial club and prominent business men of the city will take the matter of railroad fares on market day up with the officials of the Great Northern, and expect to get a rate of one fare for the round trip. The heaviest shippers in the city have sufficient prestige with the roads, it is believed, to secure such a rate. Minot was successful in securing that sort of a deal within a radius of one hundred miles of the city.

The low rate attracted hundreds of people who would not otherwise attended the sales and the merchants of that city benefited thereby.

The Bruegger Mercantile Co., will give a \$25 suit of clothes to the farmer bringing the largest family into their store during market day.

The Asbury Grocery Co., will give a 100-lb sack of best patent flour to the person who purchases the largest bill of goods for cash on market day.

N. HAYES FOR CHAIRMAN

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET SATURDAY AND ELECTED OFFICERS—BANGUET SATURDAY NIGHT.

The County Central committee met in this city Saturday afternoon and elected officers. There were two leading candidates for chairman, N. Hayes and W. S. Davidson. The count of the vote showed N. Hayes elected. John Efteland of Ambrose was elected secretary and Howard Lampman, treasurer.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee
H. B. Winger, O. O. Christianson,
A. H. Ryge, O. E. Ingwaldson,
Emmitt Carry, A. W. Stanton,
J. O. Manger, W. R. Mumby,
D. A. Gibbs, E. A. Palmer,
Ira Elliott.

Reception Committee
C. J. Zeigenbin, O. A. Hill,
Paul Tangseth, W. Raymond,
E. Gunberling.

Com. on Precedure
Knut Berg, B. A. Wilsol,
M. M. Chodfield, Ole O. Hagen,
M. J. Vanderberg.

A meeting was called in this city today of McKenzie and Williams county committees to elect a national committeeman.

A number of the Republican candidates for county office were in the city Saturday and they invited the Central committee to partake of a banquet Saturday night. Something like sixty were present and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

HOWARD LAMPMAN HURT.

Howard Lampman, in company with many of the delegates to the Republican convention, Saturday evening started out to the Reclamation power house. He was in a carriage with three other gentlemen and when nearly to the power house the team became frightened and Mr. Lampman jumped out, breaking both bones in his ankle. Dr. Hagen was summoned and dressed the wound. While it is quite a bad break it is thought that he will soon recover.

Everybody boost for market day. It will pay.

RAILROADS ARE BOOSTED

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RAISES THEM \$3,946,748—INCOME ABOUT \$100,000.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 12—The state board of equalization Saturday afternoon agreed upon the assessment of the railroad property in the state for the ensuing year as \$33,068,881 an increase in the total valuation of the roads in the state of \$3,946,748 over last year. The assessment was agreed to by the republican members of the board, led by State Auditor Holmes, and the resolution fixing the value of the roads was presented by Attorney General McCue. The principal item of increase is on the main lines of the road, which are assessed at a valuation of \$10,000 a mile for the Great Northern and Northern Pacific road and \$9,500 a mile for the Soo. The total increase for the G. N. road is something like \$1,900,000. For the Northern Pacific it is about \$750,000, and there is a considerable increase on the Soo and Milwaukee.

The Great Northern is assessed at \$4,250,000 on its main line in the state, \$2,250,000 on its secondary main line, like the Aneta branch, \$5,500,000 on its branch lines and \$500,000 on side tracks. The double tracking is also assessed at about \$100,000.

The Northern Pacific is assessed at \$3,750,000 on main lines, \$900,000 on secondary main line, extending from Grand Forks to Pembina, \$4,300,000 on branch lines and \$340,000 on side tracks.

The Soo line is assessed at \$3,340,000 on main line, \$4,800,000 on branch lines and \$180,000 on side tracks.

The Milwaukee is assessed at \$1,075,000 on its lines in the eastern part of the state at \$6,500 a mile and \$780,000 on its new lines through Adams and Bowman counties.

The total increase to the roads in taxation at an average of about 3 1-2 per cent for the total taxation will be something over a hundred thousand dollars.

HE IS AFTER TESTIMONY

Attorney Edward Engerud who is one of the attorneys representing Professor Ladd in the famous bleached flour cases which are now pending in the courts, is at the present time in attendance at the big national gathering of chemists which is being held at Macinac Island. He is there for the purpose of securing the testimony of the nation's greatest chemists regarding the injury that is done by flour bleaching and this testimony will be used in the case which has been brought by the Russel Miller Milling Co. et. al. against Professor Ladd for the purpose of restraining him from publishing bulletins naming the North Dakota milling companies that bleach their flour. One of the arguments used by the milling companies is that this does not in the least harm the flour and Mr. Engerud is securing the testimony which such chemists as Dr. Wiley of the United States Pure Food commission and others are giving regarding this subject.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Cards of invitation have been received by friends in the city from

Hon. and Mrs. Martin N. Johnson of Petersburg, N. D., to the marriage of their daughter Miss Nellie Salinda to Seward M. Hyde of Williston, N. D., the ceremony to occur on Wednesday, August 29, at the Vincent Methodist Episcopal church at Petersburg at high noon. This news will cause a ripple of interest among the friends of both young people who are well known throughout the state.

Miss Johnson has grown to womanhood in North Dakota and is a charming and accomplished young woman, a graduate of the North Dakota University and for the last year or two has taught in the public schools of Seattle. For a number of years she has led the Round Table of the North Dakota Chautauqua literary society at Devils Lake, and not only made warm friends on each occasion but impressed those around her with her strong intellect and charming personality as well. Mr. Hyde is a prominent business man at Williston and quite worthy of his bride. After a wedding journey to various points in the east they will be at home to their friends at Williston after October 1.—Grand Forks Evening Times.

WHITAKER GETS TEN YEARS IN PEN

THE JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE LAST SATURDAY

Towner, N. D., Aug. 8—Jefferson Whitaker was today found guilty of murder in the second degree. Whitaker's trial has been in progress since Tuesday, he being charged with the murder of Conrad Steenerson at Upham, N. D. The jury returned a verdict at 4:30 o'clock this morning, being out from 10 o'clock last night.

As soon as the verdict was rendered the guilty man with head bowed was arraigned before Judge Goss and had nothing to say to a sentence of ten years in the state penitentiary. The guilt of Whitaker has been evident from the start and he was his only witness in his own behalf, claiming that the shooting which caused Steenerson's death was in self defence.

State's Attorney Weber and Attorney E. R. Sinkler of Grafton prosecuted the case and Attorney Courtney of Page, N. D., E. R. Smith of Upham, and D. J. O'Connell of Towner, appeared for the defence.

MINOT LOSES ITS CASE.

According to the decision rendered by Judge Goss in district court Tuesday the city of Minot which seeks to have Harrison township assessed as a portion of the city on the ground that the withdrawal from the city ten and eighteen years ago were illegal is not upheld in the decision of the judge and the scores of handsome homes in that splendid section of the city will pay township taxes instead of their portion of the Minot city assessment.

The property involved was assessed last year at \$100,000.00 and the saving in taxes to the property owners who are mostly Minot business men will be immense inasmuch as the tax in Minot this year is approximately 7 per cent and that in Harrison township is hardly 3 per cent. The city will undoubtedly appeal the case.

KEROSENE WELLS IN NORTH DAKOTA

EXPERT OIL AND GAS MAN MAKING QUIET INVESTIGATION.—FINDS EVIDENCE OF OIL.

"Yes I think there is oil or gas and possibly both in some sections of North Dakota," said Geo. V. Cavanaugh, a prominent oil and gas expert from the fields of the southwest, who stopped in Fargo for a few moments this morning en route east from the northwestern part of this state.

Mr. Cavanaugh is an old-timer in the oil and gas business, having been one of the pioneers in Beaumont, Tex., fields. He later went to Kansas, when those fields commenced to be of prominence and then did considerable prospecting and drilling in the Oklahoma fields. He was inspecting the Canadian fields when he heard of small finds in this state and went to Minot and investigated the proposition when a gas flow was struck at Westhope.

"I said," continued Mr. Cavanaugh, "that I thought there was oil or gas in some sections of this state, but I believe that either or both of these products underlies nearly the entire territory comprising the Mississippi valley and can be struck at some depth. Some of these deposits I believe lie too deep to be of practical value. That is why I say that there is oil and gas in some sections of North Dakota.

"I was looking over the Canadian fields when I heard through the papers of the strike near Minot, and after completing my work in Canada, made an extended visit through Ward county, looking into the matter. I did not let anyone know who I was, because I find it practicable to keep those matters quiet and avoid much trouble from people wishing to start stock companies. Now that I am leaving the state, I do not care if my identity is made known, although I expect to return and investigate the matter more fully.

"As I said, I went over the Ward county territory thoroughly and investigated the most likely spots. I found several oil seeps which, when tested shoned a very good quality of crude oil, which refined would yield a fair quality of illuminating oil. The next thing to find out is whether this oil is in paying quantities. This can positively be learned only by actual drilling, but judging from the topography of the land and its geological formation, I think that either oil or gas can be struck near Minot in a paying quantity.

"It is generally known that oil and gas are found in connection --that is, where there is gas there is usually oil at a greater depth. I inspected the flow of gas that was found near Minot, and discovered a remarkable flow for the depth of the well, and I would wager a good deal that should wells be sunk from 500 to 1,000 feet, a flow would be struck that would supply fuel and light to the town of Minot and maybe several other towns."

When asked what he thought of Fargo being able to secure natural gas, Mr. Cavanaugh said, "Well all I know of the lay of the land is what I have seen from the car windows as I pulled into the city, and can hardly answer the

question without having some data on which to base a guess. Both gas and oil are struck in river valleys, usually some distance from the stream, although there are cases in the southwest fields where wells have been sunk in river beds. As I before remarked, I believe the products underlie all this country and it is just a matter of whether they are near enough to the surface to be of value. Drilling is limited in depth which is the only limitation in the business. Oil and gas are produced from decayed animal and vegetable matter and the lignite beds of this state give evidence that both flora and fauna were flourishing in this land at some time in the past ages and that their remains in the form of oil and gas can still be struck in large quantities.

"The lignite beds lead me to believe that the products may be struck at a less depth than in the southwestern fields. Lignite is the remains of a large forests which covered this entire country from away north into Canada to the Gulf of Mexico in past ages.

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KILLED BY GAS IN DIGGING WELL

TOLLEY WELL DIGGER MEETS SUDDEN DEATH—OVERCOME BY GAS—FALLS FROM ROPE.

Minot, Aug. 11.—A man whose name is unknown to Coroner Larson was killed in a well near Tolley yesterday.

The man, who was a well digger, had started to descend to the bottom of the well which was being dug at a depth of sixty feet, to fix a bucket which had got loose in the bottom. His companions suggested that he put on the harness usually worn by well diggers in descending wells, but he said he preferred to rest on a stick tied to the end of a rope.

After he had descended about twenty-five feet he was overcome by gas and fell to the bottom of the well. Another man was sent down in a harness, and he, too, was over come by gas and was pulled out. The men then got hooks and after working about eight hours recovered the body of the first man who had fallen. He died a few minutes after falling from the rope.

MRS. KATE GAHAN DEAD.

Mrs. Kate Gahan, mother of John Gahan of this city, passed away Tuesday evening. She had been ill a long time, and death came as a welcome relief to her sufferings. She was born in Ireland 90 years ago. She came to America when a young woman. The most of her long and useful life was passed in Iowa. She lived in North Dakota with her son the last five years.

Funeral services were held in St. Joseph church at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, Father Arsenault officiating. The remains will be laid beside those of her husband in Norway, Iowa. Her son and her grand-daughter, Miss Jennie Gahan accompanied her on that last sad journey.

Mrs. Gahan was a woman of most exemplary Christian character; her religion being her source of strength and comfort.

Deceased leaves two sons and two grand-daughters, Miss Jennie Gahan and Mrs. N.B. Ludowese, to mourn her loss.