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GAVE A GOOD DEMONSTRATION

LOCAL MAN USES AUTO TO PULL DRAG OVER STREET—OTHER THINGS

There is a plenty of good roads talk on every hand. A demonstration is what does the work. The Graphic man saw a real demonstration one evening this week when a well known gentleman had a drag hitched behind his auto dragging the street which runs past his home, and for several blocks toward town.

The demonstrator was L. O. Higley. Mr. Higley is busy for about ten hours a day registering deeds. The rest of his time he puts in at something. If it is not in fixing up the nearest lawn about town, or building something about his place, he gets out and fixes up the street. There's always something doing.

Well, Tuesday evening Mr. Higley hitched an ordinary drag behind his Hup runabout and made several trips over Fifth avenue west, from his home down three blocks. The street has been rough and the improvement by this dragging was very noticeable. After he got through dragging he went along the street and picked up the stones. The little car handled the drag very nicely, and while watching this something in this line that we have noted before came to mind.

This happened in southern Minnesota. Between the towns of Madison Lake and Mankato there used to be perhaps the worst piece of gumbo road that ever existed. The distance is about fifteen miles. It used to be so bad that after a rain it was impossible to get wagons or rigs of any sort over the road. The wheels would get so full of mud that an empty rig made a load and Mr. Geo. W. Allyn, the good roads enthusiast of Madison Lake, told me that he had counted dozens of rigs pulled out beside the road to wait better conditions. Now then here is what happened. They went to work and gravelled a few miles of it at first. It was such a success that they soon gravelled the entire stretch, and a trip over the road last summer revealed the fact that it is a better piece of road than any of the streets of Williston.

After they gravelled it they did not stop. They then put the road drag into operation via the auto power. Several medium weight road drags were provided and when any of the auto good roads enthusiasts had a little time they went out and dragged this stretch of road by hitching one of these drags to their machine, after the manner demonstrated by Mr. Higley, on Fifth avenue.

Now the people in the vicinity of Madison Lake and Mankato have been greatly rewarded. This piece of road is to become a part of a great highway to be built through that section from Minneapolis and St. Paul south. This piece of road proved a strong drawing card toward the location of the highway through that section when that matter was up to be settled.

John H. Hohman, of Mankato, is another great enthusiast. He told me also that in building this piece of road very little gravel was used at the start. He said that the common mistake of using too much gravel was often made in graveling streets or roads. Two or three inches was all that was used at first. This was allowed to work into the soil of the road and was kept well dragged. A little more gravel was used occasionally in weak spots, and now there is a roadbed of permanency. If the proper amount of gravel is used it will work in with the heavier soil and make a binder that will turn off the water rapidly. Mr. Hohman also said that by all means gravel put on any road should be screened and nothing larger than the end of your finger allowed to go into the work.

The little demonstration by Mr. Higley could be carried out to some proportions if every auto owner in this section would provide himself with a small road drag and put in an hour or so occasionally leveling up some of the roads or streets.

LaBERGE CASE BEFORE COURT

CASE ON CHARGE OF CRIMINAL OPERATION BEING HEARD IN COURT

The case of the State against Dr. P. U. LaBerge, of this city, charged with performing a criminal operation upon Laura Rolley, has been taking up the time of the district court for the past few days.

The preliminary trial in this case was held before Justice Field some few weeks ago when the defendant was bound over to the district court.

The testimony of a large number of witnesses is being heard, among them that of several physicians of the city, and nurses at the hospital where the woman was taken for an operation made necessary as a result of the supposed criminal operation.

KID TRAILOR IN CUSTODY

CAPTURED NEAR FROID IN MONTANA AND TAKEN TO PLENTYWOOD

Kid Trailor has been captured and is now in custody at Plentywood, Mont. He was arrested near Froid, Mont., by Ki Mathews the first of the week.

Sheriff Erickson and his deputies were looking for Trailor in the western part of this county a few weeks ago, as it was thought that he was responsible for the disappearance of some horses belonging to local people. He was not found. It appears that no horses were taken in this county but that he is charged with taking horses in Montana.

Trailor has had a habit of finding a perfectly good rope with horses attached on several occasions, for which he has paid the penalty by serving time.

MAY ATTEND ROADS PICNIC

THREE HUNDRED AT THE GOOD ROADS MEETING HELD MONDAY AT GROVE

The postponed Missouri Ridge Good Roads Picnic, which was to have been held July 4th, was held Monday at the Gromatka Grove and considering the postponement was a great success. More than three hundred people from the surrounding country gathered for the day.

Owing to the fact that it was not generally known that the meeting had been postponed, there were few in attendance from town. Many had planned to go out to the doings on the Fourth, but the rain prevented the holding of the annual good roads gathering.

This annual meet has become a feature looked forward to each year with a great deal of interest and in addition to affording a day of pleasure for the folks of the ridge an opportunity is also afforded to get together and talk over matters of general interest, particularly good roads. The good roads work day, held on the ridge a couple of weeks ago had very noticeable results.

A number of talks were made at the meeting Monday by some of those present from town. Plenty of "eats" and refreshments were on hand to satisfy the inner portions of the picnickers.

The next annual will be looked forward to with pleasure, and remembrances of the one Monday will without a doubt insure an increased attendance, if J. Pluvius does not again temporarily interfere with the plans of the progressive citizens of the Ridge.

RAN INTO A BARBED WIRE

MOTORCYCLIST HAS CLOSE CALL WHEN HE RUNS INTO WIRE ACROSS OLD ROAD

While riding his motorcycle Wednesday evening, July 2nd, R. C. Henry was painfully injured when he ran into a barbed wire on the road leading out of town toward the experiment station. He was badly cut about the face and neck and was thrown from his machine by the wire. A physician dressed the cuts in his neck and patched up the wounds.

There is a big mudhole in the main road where the accident occurred, and wagons and teams had been going through the field around this. During the day the owner of the land where the temporary road was located stretched a barbed wire across the road to close it up. It appears that no other signal other than the wire was put up showing that the road was closed.

The closing of a road with barbed wire without a signal that can be plainly seen is a dangerous practice. Had Mr. Henry been riding fast he would doubtless have been killed, and as it was some of the cuts were in a very dangerous place.

TAKEN UP NOTICE

Came to my place Monday, June 9, 1913, one white horse, weight about 900 to 1000 pounds. Branded C. R., right shoulder, C on left shoulder, inverted Y and B on left hip. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses. Herman Carlson, Sec. 22-156-101, Star Route, Williston, N. D. 3w-3pd.

NO MEETING

The city commissioners did not hold a meeting Monday evening. There was no quorum present and the meeting was therefore automatically adjourned until next Monday night.

Besides Ajax defying the lightning there are the fans on the bleachers defying the sunshine.

N. D. COW CLUB IS GROWING

THIS ORGANIZATION IS MAKING GREAT STRIDES IN THE STATE

The North Dakota Cow Club is one of the most promising young organizations in the state and working toward an end which is of vital interest to all the citizens of the state. It is backed by many of the most prominent men of the state.

The following men are the officers of the club: C. E. Batchelor of Grand Forks, President; Prof. J. H. Shepard, vice president; W. F. Steggie, of Medina, J. D. Bacon of Grand Forks, Mr. Phealan of Bowman and Charles F. Leonard, Fargo, directors.

The Cow Club is a branch of the state dairy organization which has as its purpose the helping of the farmers of the state in the matter of stocking their farms with dairy cattle.

One way in which the club hopes to be of benefit to the farmers is in lowering the amount of interest the farmers have to pay for the money borrowed by them from the banks for the purpose of purchasing cattle with which to stock their farms. The club proposed to affiliate the organization with the banks of the state in such a manner that the farmers will be able to obtain money for the purpose of buying cattle at the minimum rate of interest and to build up dairy farming all over the state.

It is also suggested by the officers of the club that every possible pressure be brought to bear on the farmers to prevent them from killing the young heifers for veal.

BETTER FARM SUGGESTIONS

MR. HALL GIVES SOME GOOD ADVICE ON SUMMER TILL—PLOW WELL

E. W. Hall the Better Farming Association expert for Williams county has some good suggestions to offer relative to summer tilled land.

Mr. Hall advises:—The recent rains, and especially the heavy rain of July 4th, have put the soil in excellent condition for plowing. All the moisture that has been added to the soil by these last rains should be carefully conserved to help make the crop of 1914, should that season be a dry one. A good deal of plowing has been done in the county, but there is still a large acreage to be plowed. The sooner this is accomplished, the easier it will be to conserve the moisture that has fallen and to commence to prepare a good seed bed for next year. Any plowing that has been done should be dragged thoroughly to keep the surface from baking and cracking. Care should be taken, though, in the use of the drag, not to fine the surface soil to such an extent that it may blow or drift.

Plow well and deep. Land that is only partly plowed cannot be expected to produce good crops, nor will a method of this kind conserve moisture as it should. The depth that land should be plowed depends on many conditions. Under most circumstances, however, our summer fallow in this county should be plowed at least 8 inches deep. Use a rule and see how deep the plowing is. It may surprise you if you have been guessing at the depth. If shallow plowing at the same depth has been practiced for many seasons past, the old plow sole should be broken up. A large amount of new ground, however, should not be turned up. Use a packer immediately following the plow or at least pack each day's plowing before you leave it at night. If you do not have a packer use any implement that will help to pack the newly plowed land and to check the evaporation of moisture from it. If the plowing is to be done with an engine, do not try to finish the job in a day. Use fewer plows, put them down and attach a harrow or drag behind the plows so that the soil may be packed immediately after the plows and a mulch formed to prevent the escape of any moisture. Keep a mulch formed and prevent weeds from growing, after the ground has been plowed. It requires as much moisture to grow weeds as it does to grow a crop.

The principal cause for a failure on summer fallowed or summer tilled land is lack of work on it and the resulting loss of moisture and growth of weeds. Remember this: our rainfall is 15 inches and the evaporation is 30 inches, or better. It takes work to retain the moisture. As long as we have vacant homesteads that are growing up to weeds and un-worked, non-resident land, and no fences, we will have the Russian thistle and other weeds rolling over the summer fallow in the fall. If the moisture is properly conserved, though, it will give the crop a chance to get ahead of the thistle the following season.

Retaining the false whiskers of the highwayman who got her purse, a Chicago woman finds her courage but meagerly rewarded. Men are deceivers you know.

PROFESSOR SAYS WORM IS BENEFIT

PROF. WALDRON SAYS WORM RECENTLY FOUND ATTACKS RUSSIAN THISTLE

According to Prof. C. B. Waldron of the Agricultural college the peculiar worm that is just making its appearance about the Missouri slope and as far north as Williston, is to be looked upon more as a blessing than a curse.

The worm was noticed a few weeks ago and it has made most of its attacks on the Russian thistle and in that it is doing good work.

The worm is about an inch and a half in length and is of greenish color and about the size of wheat straw around.

It has made its appearance in Bowman, Hettinger and Williams counties, where it has as yet not done anything in the way of being destructive to grain, but on the other hand has attacked the thistle alluded to. Its favorite diet appears to be the thistle, but if it cannot get this it will tackle the rag weed and will try at other kinds of weeds, and when these give out then it will go to the flax and lastly to the wheat.

The worms work in the same manner as the well known army worm and in a measure resemble it, and Prof. Waldron says that they are of the same family. The army worm made its appearance in the eastern states some years ago and destroyed all vegetation in its path, but the present worm has tackled nothing but weeds.

In case it should attack the grain it can easily be destroyed by spraying, Prof. Waldron says.

FARMERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

MUCH PLEASED WITH MOVEMENT—PIONEER HAS SOMETHING TO SAY

Ray Pioneer—E. W. Hall agent of the State Better Farming Association which is also allied with the Williams County Better Farming Association with headquarters in this county, spent Wednesday afternoon and Thursday in this city and vicinity. He is looking over the field of the work of getting the plans lined up. Mr. Hall is now taking a general survey of the county and will soon have the work well under way. He has visited a number of the farms near Ray and is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the future.

The farmers here are all greatly interested and are taking a hold of the proposition in a way which promises great benefits under the instructions of the association.

This move on the part of the state and county organizations is securing Mr. Hall to come out and assist the farmers to get the best possible returns out of the grain raising and stock is a very commendable one and will have lasting results.

HAAG SHOW COMING

Advance agents for the Haag Road Shows were in the city the first of the week making arrangements for the appearance here of that organization on July 22. The show is just returning from a trip into western Canada. The exhibit at Culbertson the day previous to Williston and at Stanley following the Williston date. The advance agent reports that the show met with poor business in Western Canada, owing to not the best of conditions prevailing in that section. The agent gives every assurance of a first class show, and says there is no resemblance between his organization and the recent band of Gypsies that camped here for two performances recently. The Haag shows are reported to carry a splendid menagerie.

TEMPORARY MOVE

The consolidated First National Bank has moved into the old quarters of the First National Bank temporarily while extensive improvements are being made in the permanent bank building. The bank will probably occupy the temporary quarters for a month while the improvements are being carried to completion.

NEW SALE STABLE

E. R. Brownson and M. S. Williams have opened up a feed Barn and Sale Stable near the Farmer's Elevator, in the barn formerly owned by E. E. Tooley. Mr. Williams returned from the west yesterday with a fine bunch of horses which are now on sale at this barn. Mr. Brownson and Mr. Williams will keep horses and cattle for sale at all times. They have a few choice cows for sale at this time besides the bunch of horses. Parties interested will do well to look over this stock, and will be assured of liberal treatment.

RAIN SPOILED CELEBRATIONS

HEAVY DOWNPOUR PUTS STOP TO INDEPENDENCE DAY DOINGS

Despite all predictions to the contrary it rained on July 4th. The heavy downpour, starting about four o'clock in the morning and continuing for several hours, put picnic grounds and roads in such a condition that all gatherings in this section were called off. The band had gone to considerable expense and labor in preparing for the picnic at Wilsons grove. However not to be outdone the committee got busy and arranged a big dance at the Gates Hall, which was well attended. The Missouri Ridge Good Roads picnic at the Gromatka grove was postponed until Monday. The local weather bureau registered 1.19 inches of rainfall during the early morning hours.

COLE CIRCUS GANG IN FIGHT

GREEK LABORER USES GUN WITH TELLING EFFECT AT ANDOVER, S. D.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 8.—In a battle between circus men and railway hands last night at Andover, a station east of here on the H. & D. division of the Milwaukee road, three men were fatally shot and a fourth man, who was struck over the back with a crowbar, was severely injured.

Two of the dying men, Ed Oakley and N. Jeffers, were brought to an Aberdeen hospital. Both are employees of Cole Brothers' circus. Oakley was shot in the back at the base of the spine and a bullet penetrated Jeffers' right lung. Another circus man whose name is not known, is dying at Andover as the result of a bullet wound in the abdomen.

The trouble commenced when the railroad men charged the circus employees with having stolen a suitcase from their bunkhouse. The circus force charged the railroaders, who retreated to their bunkhouse and closed the doors. As the circus men drew near one of the railroad laborers, a Greek, known as Tom Stevens, threw open the doors and fired repeatedly at the attacking party.

Stevens then ran uptown and into a butcher shop. The proprietor, not knowing of the shooting, but seeing the revolver in the man's hands, persuaded him to give it up. Stevens then continued his fight. The authorities started in pursuit, but lost the track about midnight.

The circus management took charge of the wounded men, chartered a special train and hurried them to Aberdeen. The country is being searched today for the missing Greek.

FARGO COMPANY BUILD CHURCH

CONTRACT FOR CHURCH HERE AWARDED TO FARGO FIRM. COMPLETE IN 1914

The building committee of the Congregational church last Monday night awarded the contract for building the new church to the Anderson and Smeby Company, of Fargo, N. D. The contract awarded is for the building complete, with the exception of the plumbing and heating plant. The amount of this company's bid was \$26,250. A number of details remain to be worked out between the contractors and the committee, but it is expected that the laying of brick will be started by August 15.

Hebron pressed brick will be used, the thirrmings of stone. The new church in dimensions will be 60x90 by 32, with a seating capacity of 350 in the main auditorium, which is increased by Sunday school rooms and galleries to about 1000.

It is planned to have the church completed and ready for dedication and use in the fall of 1914, at which time will be the twenty-fifth anniversary. The state conference will be invited to meet here at that time and take part in the dedication.

The completion of this building will give the city a church of which it may feel proud, and the auditorium will afford adequate room for large gatherings.

OFF TO CAMP

Company E left last night for the annual National Guard encampment at Devils Lake. They will go into camp on the splendid camp grounds at the Lake, where they will remain until July 21. There will be about 600 men in camp for the twelve days that the encampment will last.

A new boat in New York had as sponsors fifty red-haired school girls. The boat must have been launched with vim enough to last two ordinary lifetimes for vessels.

REALLY NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT

ORCHESTRA COMIQUE MADE A DECIDED HIT—INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS GOOD

The Orchestra Comique made its first and only appearance in Williston on Wednesday night at Library Hall. After the processional in which the costumes of the performers and their unique instruments showed to full advantage, the following program was given under the skilled baton (usually known as a feather duster) of Miss Dolly Randolph.

1. Full Orchestra, March Fantasy.....Op. 1000
2. Solo for Double Bass....."Stars and Stripes"
3. "Down by the Old Mill Stream".....Mrs. Van Dyke
4. Fuga Inconsequenza, arranged for Orchestra—"Three Blind Mice"
5. Solo Melancholique.....Mr. Elmer Halvorsen
6. Duo for Tuba and Bassoon....."Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"
7. Miss Wilson and Mr. Corbett
8. Intermission Program
9. Violin solos.....Miss Randolph
10. Readings.....Miss Randolph
11. Violin solos.....Miss Randolph
12. Full Orchestra
13. "Alexander's Rag Time Band"
14. Williston's A. B. C. Book
15. Orchestra
16. "Songs you ought to know"
17. Reverie Passionate for Harp.....Miss Amanda McNiven
18. Hymn, National.....Orchestra and Audience

The different instruments were played by the following artists: Violin: Miss Boystrom, Miss Hougen, Miss Todd, Miss Shaw, Miss Brant, Double Bass: Mrs. Van Dyke and Mr. Robert Mansfield. Cellos: Miss Baldwin and Mr. A. J. Field. Trombones: Miss Tirzah Mackechnic and Miss Alice Borden, Mr. Herbert Metzger and Mr. Elmer Halvorsen.

Bassoons: Mrs. S. J. Dorothy, Miss Grace Nelson, Mr. J. A. Corbett and Mr. W. G. Owens.

Tuba: Miss Florence Wilson. Cymbals: Miss Sparks and Miss Bertha Lent.

Flutes: Mrs. Todd, Miss Mate Olson, and Miss Nellie Larsen.

Cornets: Miss Mabel Metzger and Miss Marie Montgomery.

Bells: Gladys Penson. Harp: Miss Amanda McNiven. Drum: Mr. A. J. Cunningham. Librarian: Mr. Erwin Bruegger.

Accompanist: Miss Maggie Monroe. The production was everything that had been announced from the standpoint of comedy and otherwise. We had long ago thought "there was no such animal," but our dreams of "Impie" and "Gulliver City" a-la-Sunday comic section, have been surpassed. The first part of the program was produced from a recent issue of the Graphic, and the last part from the Herald, a copy of each of which occupied the Directress' stand. This alone assured the excellency of the numbers rendered.

The individual numbers were highly entertaining and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Miss Randolph is an accomplished violinist and responded liberally to the hearty encores following her numbers. There was one disappointment however, and that was in the number in attendance. The audience was small. Those who were not there are the losers for they missed a really unique and enjoyable entertainment.

This original musical novelty is given by Miss Randolph only and has been copyrighted by her. Her success with what was a happy accident, thought out for an evening's fun at a tennis club, has been such that she gives her professional services to it throughout much of the year and over a wide territory.

GREAT FALLS TO MILWAUKEE

Two men riding motorcycles on their way from Great Falls, Mont., to Milwaukee, arrived here Saturday and remained over Sunday, going on east Monday. They struck some heavy rains west of us due to excessive rains.

WILL LOCATE AT ARNEGARD

Theo. J. Boe of Williston to open business in that town.

THEO. J. BOE OF WILLISTON TO OPEN BUSINESS IN THAT TOWN

Theo. J. Boe, of this city, will in the near future open a general farm machinery business at Arnegard. He is just now making preliminary preparations for the starting of the business. He will erect a building at Arnegard to be used for that purpose.

Mr. Boe is well known in this territory, having been associated with Boe Brothers in this city, and is a brother of John Boe, of Williston, and H. A. Boe, now of Alexander. His many friends wish him success in his business in proportion to his stature and genial nature.

What a woman can dress for depends to a great extent upon whom she dresses for.