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PRESENT COUNTY FAIR BEST EVER HELD HERE

Great Crowd Attends on Opening Day-- Governor Hanna Here--Great Flower Exhibit.

Yesterday was the opening day of the Williams County Fair and it opened the best one the county has ever held with an attendance as large or larger than any previous day at any fair here. The Williston Concert band furnished the music and we heard many compliments for the excellent music and their continued playing.

Governor L. B. Hanna was present and delivered a short address complimenting upon the excellent fair. The Governor said he was surprised how ever to learn that the county did not ever to learn toward the fair. That it was one of the best things a county had and needed support. He mentioned the fact that Cass county gave several thousand dollars toward their fair every year.

Mr. Shaw, the farm expert for the Great Northern was also present and gave a short talk on farming, giving most of his time to corn.

The exhibits at the fair this year are eye openers to everyone, calling our attention as never before to the wonderful resources of this county. The floral exhibit is one of the best if not the best ever seen in the state and many who saw the exhibit at the Grand Forks fair say ours is much better.

There were three races yesterday besides the auto race.

The first race was a quarter mile running race, best two out of three heats. Joe D. won in two straight heats. Cloudy Dan second and Lizzie Brooks third.

In the mile running race Joe Simp-

son took first money, Lizzie Brooks second and Nig third.

In the harness race there were but three horses entered and each one took a heat. As the race was best two in three Florence Edith was declared winner with one first and two seconds, Maybud second with one first and two thirds.

The auto race was a very interesting one for the first half, every car but the Ford running well. The Ford was not in proper shape when it went on and therefore did not make the showing it could have and should have made. Dr. Weiderholt started first with the red car, Bob Kebosky second with the Maxwell, Bob Bruegger third with the Hollier Eight, and the Ford fourth. The red car held the lead for several rounds but had trouble and then fell back, the Maxwell taking the lead. Bob Bruegger later won the lead and held it for several rounds but he had trouble and was in turn passed by the Maxwell. The Maxwell won the race which was ten miles, the time being 14 minutes 26 1-4 seconds. The Hollier Eight got second money, the Red Car third and the Ford fourth.

There will be another race tomorrow afternoon between at least three of those entered in yesterday's race.

A bowery dance was given on the Metzger corner under the management of the Fair Association and every one there enjoyed it very much. The bowery is being enlarged and the dancers tonight and tomorrow night will be given a chance to have even a better dance than the one Wednesday evening.

RAILROADS WANT SUIT DISMISSED

CASES TRIED ALL AT ONE TIME --TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT BY JUDGE AMIDON

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 31.—Conceding that all facts alleged in the complaint were true and agreeing to abide by the court's order against the Chicago-Milwaukee & St. Paul, attorneys for the Great Northern, the Soo, and the Northern Pacific railways late yesterday in Judge Amidon's court asked that the temporary restraining order be dissolved and that the case be dismissed. Arguments were completed late in the afternoon. Judge Amidon then announced that he would take the case under advisement. No decision can be expected until some time in November. In the meantime the restraining order remains in force.

Railways Between Two Fires

Grounds for the dismissal of the case were that as common carriers the railways received no compensation except the freight charges; that they are innocent; are liable to be sued for damages on one hand and contempt on the other; that the bill of complaint is too broad and difficult to enforce, and that there is nothing in the state statute prohibiting shipments into the state directly or indirectly.

Delivery Not Direct Violation

Judge Amidon at the close of the hearing stated that if the injunction is maintained it cannot be held that the delivery of liquor is a direct violation of the North Dakota prohibition law, but the fact that it is carried to persons maintaining a nuisance may make the railroad companies participants. He stated that the bill of complaint does not point out any specific place and that if the railways consent he might modify the temporary order in issuing the permanent injunction.

"An Attempt to Shift Burden"

The remarks of W. G. Porter, division counsel for the Milwaukee, that the railways only acted as common carriers and were innocent and that the state could obtain relief by instituting criminal proceedings against local agents delivering intoxicating liquors contrary to law, were regarded by First Assistant Attorney General Francis C. Murphy as an attempt to shift the burden from the railroads to the agents. He stated that it was the aim of these proceedings "instead of having the railroads aid in violating, to aid the state in the enforcement of the laws, and that the railways could use the company's property as an aid instead of a hindrance."

Co-Operating With Enforcement League

Judge N. C. Young, representing the Northern Pacific and Great Northern told that shortly after the passage of the Webb-Kenyon bill, March 1913, he had a conference with the attorney of the North Dakota Enforcement League and drew up an order explaining to the agents in the railroads the provisions of the new law and that if any agent was found guilty at convicting at violation of the law that complaint would be made immediately by the enforcement officer to the railroads.

Cited Troubles in the State

Judge Young told of the seizures of liquors by sheriffs and that the companies were held responsible and that it was a relief to them when the Webb-Kenyon bill was passed. "Our agents are subject to be charged with making criminal sales," said the attorney for the Northern Pacific "and the bill charging delivery to fictitious persons is a federal violation. If the attorney general had named an agent in the action we would have to stand trial as a participant. I don't know how we can avoid the liability. I recognize every day that goes by that the agent is liable."

GOLD SHIPMENT TO UNITED STATES

SPECIAL TRAIN WITH \$25,000,000 ABOARD ON WAY TO NEW YORK

Vanceboro, Maine, Aug. 28.—The second large shipment this month of gold and securities from London to New York, passed through here on a special train. It is reported it consisted of \$25,000,000 in bonds and \$19,000,000 in gold.

The gold and securities are being forwarded to strengthen the British credit in this country and to arrest the decline in the value of the British sovereign. They were placed on a heavily guarded train at Halifax, where it is understood, they had arrived on a British battleship, guarded by a convoy of similar craft.

The train was made up of six steel express cars, a dining car, a coach and carried thirty-eight guards.

The shipments are being forwarded by an express company in much the same manner as the first consignment early in August when \$52,000,000 in gold and securities was sent from London and deposited in the sub-treasury in New York to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents of the British government.

After a very brief stop here to make a change of engines the train departed for Bangor and Portland, en route to New York.

TEN THOUSAND CORN GROWERS

STATE AGENTS OF THE BOYS' CLUBS CO-OPERATE TO BRING A BIG DISPLAY TO ST. PAUL

Competition promises to be close and keen at the Boys Corn Show which will be a large and interesting part of the "First National" Corn Show to be held in St. Paul, December, 1915. Upwards of 10,000 boys, under eighteen years of age, living on the farms of the "Zone of Plenty" states of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, are industriously raising corn on plots of ground one acre or more in extent, with a view to winning honor for their localities and themselves by carrying off prizes at their respective County and State Fairs, as well as at the "First National" Corn Show.

Particular interest is being shown by these boy agriculturists in the "First National" Corn Show competition as it will be the first time in the history of the Northwest when corn raised exclusively by boys throughout the entire Northwest has been gathered together for display purposes. While, owing to differences in climatic and soil conditions in the vast area of territory from which boys will make displays, there will be no general competition between states, each boy will be given an excellent opportunity to win a prize worthy of his greatest efforts. The states named have been divided into territorial districts in each of which the competition will be confined. There are 32 districts in all, in each of which a \$50.00 silver loving cup suitably engraved will be offered for the first prize and a handsome golden bronze loving cup offered for second prize. No entrance fee will be charged to exhibit and admission to the show will be free. Each boy participating in the contest must plant one acre of corn or more. The finest collection of ten ears of any variety grown in each district by a single exhibitor will constitute an exhibit.

The enthusiasm shown by the boy corn growers in the "First National" Corn Show contest indicates that they realize in winning honor for themselves by sending a creditable exhibit of ten ears of corn to this Northwestern Show they will be performing a worth while service for their own locality and their state.

The State Agents of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the United States Department of Agriculture are actively at work interesting the boys of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, in this contest.

Prof. T. A. Erickson, of St. Paul, is actively at work with his 3,000 members in Minnesota.

800 boy farmers in North Dakota are being urged by their State Agent to send a creditable exhibit to the show.

Prof. Augustus D. Evans, of Montana; Prof. S. L. Newbill of Pullman, Wash.; Prof. S. L. Griffin of Oregon and Prof. T. N. Potter of Idaho, are all endeavoring to organize the members of their boys and girls clubs, aggregating several thousands, to enter the list for the honor of their communities.

With favorable weather conditions throughout the remainder of the Corn growing season, the "First National" Corn Show promises to produce the most creditable display of corn grown by boys under eighteen years of age in the history of the Northwest.

All boy corn growers in each state named are urged to get in touch with the State Agents of the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Department of Agriculture and secure detailed information regarding this competition.

Would you recognize a ten dollar gold piece if you saw it? Neither would we.

POPULATION INCREASED

58,271 IN FIVE YEARS

Census Report Shows a Very Substantial Increase in North Dakota Population.

Bismarck, N. D., Aug. 28.—The state census for the year 1915 has finally been completed, the delayed reports from counties having been received by Secretary of State Hall.

It is a general belief that the returns do not do the state justice, as the figures in many cases are known to be short. It is claimed that the system of gathering the census has been poorly handled and for that reason the figures are unreliable, that is the individuals in the cities were not gleaned as closely as they could have been.

The heavy decrease in Billings county is attributed to two causes. First, all of Golden Valley county was taken from its territory, and a part

of Slope county was also cut off of it. Second, Adams county also shows a decrease, due to the fact that a part of Slope county was taken from its territory. But why McHenry, Pembina, Pierce, Ramsey and Steele counties have sustained losses during the past five years cannot be accounted for.

The total population, which is 635,327 will be a disappointment to many, as it was contended by them that the returns would show about 700,000. While the increase of 58,271 in five years is not bad, yet it is not what it should have been in a state with the many advantages which this state offers. Following are the returns by counties:

COUNTY—	1915	1910	Increase	Decrease
Adams.....	4,728	5,407		679
Barnes.....	18,706	18,066	640	
Benson.....	12,705	12,681	24	
Billings.....	3,250	10,186		6,936
Butte.....	17,337	17,296	41	
DeWitt.....	5,041	4,668	373	
Golden Valley.....	9,097	9,064	33	
Grand Forks.....	14,157	13,087	1,070	
Hector.....	40,436	33,935	6,501	
McHenry.....	15,811	15,659	152	
McIntosh.....	10,094	9,839	255	
Minnehaha.....	8,894	6,015	2,879	
Musselshell.....	8,156	5,302	2,854	
North Dakota.....	5,684	4,800	884	
Rolette.....	10,323	9,796	527	
Slope.....	6,054	5,313	741	
Stanley.....	6,098			
Williams.....	28,658	27,888	770	
Woods.....	6,567	6,274	293	
Yankton.....	7,711	6,557	1,154	
Zetland.....	6,948	5,962	986	
Lamoure.....	11,453	10,724	729	

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CLAIM THEY PLAN FOR OFFENSIVE

MILITARY EXPERTS CONTEND NICHOLAS WILL SOON STRIKE A HEAVY BLOW

Petrograd, Aug. 28.—Russian military experts predict a sudden blow by the Grand Duke Nicholas, after the Austro-German armies have advanced far enough into Russian territory to prevent their escape if decisively beaten.

None attempt to say where this blow will be struck, but they compare the situation with that of the allies in 1914 when the Germans met defeat on the River Marne.

"One might expect," says the military critic of the Bourne Gazette, today, "that the loss of our greatest fortress would cause dismay at the war office. On the contrary, the men responsible for the successful conduct of the conflict never appeared more optimistic.

"This can lead to but one belief—that the Russian armies successfully withdrawn from the traps set by the Kaiser and his commander, are awaiting only the favorable moment to strike their blow, which will upset all the Teutonic schemes."

The Novne Vremya's expert takes a similar view of the situation. He gives assurances that the replenishing of the municipal stores is proceeding with such rapidity that within a month the Russian armies will be in a position to act aggressively and surprise the hostile armies which "hope to strike fear into the heart of Russia, and force this country into an ignominious peace."

"It is the enemy who is wasting his ammunition now," he continues. "The Russians are conserving theirs. The result can easily be foreseen. Germany had hoped to shatter the Russian armies. That hope has been blasted. Our forces will emerge from this ordeal stronger than ever before. The Russian morale cannot be terrified."

BACK FROM THE PARK

Miss Anna Peterson, Miss Senner Nertrout, Supt. of schools of Wells county, Miss Petra Hovind, Miss Nellie Larson and Miss Laura Johnson returned yesterday from their trip to the Yellowstone. They report a delightful time. They were a regular North Dakota Booster crowd and had a North Dakota Yell, something like this "Wheat and Flax, Wheat and Flax, Money in Stacks, Money in Stacks, North Dakota and, "we don't know how to spell it" but it wound up with an Indian yell as near as we can make out.

The girls went on the trip well equipped with everything from a bandbox to a "rat" trap, and needed it all they claim.

BIDS FOR COAL

Sealed bids will be received by me for the furnishing of coal to the different school houses in Yankton school District No. 7. Until two o'clock P. M. Saturday September 18th. Mark your envelope Bids For Coal.

H. C. Blankenship,
Clark Tande School District No. 7,
Williston, N. D.

F-4 RAISED BUT RETAINS SECRET

SUBMARINE THAT MET ACCIDENT PLACED IN DRY DOCK DURING THE NIGHT

Honolulu, Aug. 31.—The hulk of the submarine F-4, lost in Honolulu harbor March 25 with her crew of 22 men, was raised and placed in dry dock yesterday, and lies exposed to view, the work of pumping out the dry dock and raising the shattered torpedoman from the harbor having been completed during the night.

But the craft has not yet yielded up its secret. No trace of the bodies of the unfortunate crew has been discovered, nor has the brief examination thus far thrown any light on the cause of the accident that sank the F-4.

Filled With Debris

F-4 lies on her starboard side in the dry dock. When the examining board, composed of Rear Admiral C. J. Boush, Lieutenant Commander Julius A. Furor and Lieut. Kirby B. Crittenden, entered the vessel, they found the starboard side bottom filled with debris, battery plates, some sand and mud.

Bodies Food for Marine Creatures

If any bodies remain in the F-4 they are underneath the debris. Doubt is expressed, however, if any will be found, for the great holes torn in the submarine, only part of which were protected by mats during the months of raising operations, allowed marine creatures with which the waters of Hawaii swarm, to enter, and it is anticipated that further search will merely disclose the fact that bodies of the crew have been destroyed.

Big Hole in Forward Part

Naval officers in charge of the work state that the debris will be removed from the vessel during the day, and thorough search made for bodies.

In addition to the gaping holes in the stern of the submarine, a big hole has been torn in the forward part.

The investigating board has not yet definitely ascertained whether it is this that occasioned the loss of the vessel, or whether the hole was torn in the hull during the lifting operations.

A WHITE SPARROW

Several of our citizens report seeing what they claim is a white sparrow with other sparrows on the streets. The bird was seen several times on the street near the Bovey-Shute Yards. The bird acts like a sparrow, is hobnobbing with sparrows and, in spite of his color, must be a sparrow. If he don't want to be called a sparrow then he had better quit his present company.

FOUND YOUNG WALNUT TREE

Joe Seibert reports the finding of a small walnut tree growing at the back of his barn. A year or two ago Joe had some walnuts stored in the barn and some of them must have been covered up and this tree the result. The tree has been transplanted to the front yard and now Joe is looking for special instructions as to the care of this ambitious little twig.

LIGHTING PLANT FOR THE FARMER

ELECTRIC COMPANY ARE EXHIBITING COMPLETE LIGHTING PLANT FOR FARM

The Williston Electric Construction Co. are exhibiting a complete electric lighting plant for farms, and private homes, to be operated with gasoline engine. This plant comes with storage batteries completely changed, and the plant assembled ready to set up, and turn on the lights within 10 minutes.

The generator is made by the well known Western Electric Co., with automatic lubrication, sliding base, pulley, and extra set of brushes, running at 2000 revolutions per minute. The storage batteries are the well known Hyra evide consisting of 16 cells, and 3 counter cells for regulation.

The switch board is equipped for running lights from battery only, or for running lights from battery and generator only. An automatic switch attends to the charging of the battery, and allows for any irregularity of the engine. An ampere hour meter indicates whether the battery is full or how much current is still stored in the batteries, and an ammeter indicates the rate of charge or discharge. The plant is easy, and simple to operate and has a capacity of 60-16-Candle power lights, enough to furnish ample illumination for the largest farm residence and barn, and on account of the automatic "cut in and cut out" it can be run with any ordinary farm gasoline engine. The Williston Electric Construction Co., have already sold a number of these farm lighting plants, and installed them on farms in Williams County, and it would seem as though this plant was filling all the requirements for a farm lighting plant.

The lighting plant has been on exhibition for several days on the lot in the rear of the store and will be on the fair grounds during the three days of the fair.

JOHNSON-BONDE WEDDING

Edwin M. Johnson and Miss Adeline M. Bonde, both of Ambrose, were united in marriage at the Congregational parsonage Sunday afternoon at two thirty, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Batten. They left on a number of a trip through Monday. They will then go to Yankton, South Dakota, where Mr. Johnson will complete his studies and enter the ministry of the Congregational church.

WHY THE WEEDS

Just why do we spend our energies having a Clean-up week in the spring, and then let the weeds on the vacant lots grow so tall through the summer that they almost shut out the view of the lawns and gardens that are kept in trim. Besides being a disgrace to an up-to-date community some of them are a menace to hay-fever sufferers with their dusty pollen. If the owners of the vacant lots let these conditions prevail could not the city itself take it in hand?

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES

FIRST OF SERIES HELD LAST SUNDAY IN NESSON VALLEY. --ENJOYED TRIP

The first of a series of Sunday School Institutes was held last Sunday in Nesson Valley at three different points, Beaver Creek schoolhouse, Hofflund church, and Grinnell. The "institute conductors" were four of the officers of the Williams County Sunday School Association: Mr. R. M. Calderwood, vice-president; Miss Bertha M. Palmer secretary; and Mrs. Disney and Miss Baldwin, heads of county committees. Miss Emma Haggart also accompanied the party.

The trip, made in Miss Palmer's car, was the initial trip of a new Ford, and the little car seemed to know it must live up to its reputation and keep rambling on its way. Nesson Valley was beautiful with its miles of yellow sheaves, and its wonderful buttes carved out against the sky. In spite of the busy season the attendance at the Sunday School sessions was surprisingly good, and these enterprising people seemed as anxious to get hold of new ideas for more efficient Bible School methods as they are to improve their crops.

Mrs. T. M. Getchell of Hofflund, the president of the eastern district of Williams county, was largely instrumental in planning the meetings so the party could visit a number of schools in succession.

Through the kindly hospitality of the Getchell home the party spent the night in the valley, returning early Monday morning to Williston. Some of the party saw the sun rise two mornings in succession for the first time in lot these many days, but each and all will heartily endorse the statement that it was worth the effort. They have come back with more enthusiasm and a bigger faith in the modern Sunday School movement.

THRESHING IN FULL SWING

Threshing is in full swing in this part of the county and reports go to show that the wheat yield will be one of the best if not the best the county has ever had. Several fields close to Williston that were reported as poor have been threshed and the yield has surprised the owners. The Bruegger Mercantile Company threshed what they considered one of their poorest fields and got seventeen bushels to the acre. Burdick threshed one of his fields that did not look very good and got twenty bushels to the acre. The wheat coming in is a very good grade and some of it weighs 62 pounds to the bushel.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A surprise party was given Sunday afternoon at the Eidness home in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Eidness' twenty fifth wedding anniversary. About ninety friends gathered together and took them completely by surprise. Preparations for the party had been made before hand so an elaborate spread was served during the afternoon.