

### COUNTY SCHOOLS AMONG THE BEST IN N. D.

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contest will be sent to the Agricultural College to be entered in the State Contest for this work. The winners of the four first prizes, Edith Cote of Wheelock, and Bernice Clay, Bert Lindholm, and Mable Poe of Williston, are offered a free trip to the Boys' and Girls' Institute at the State Agricultural College, Fargo, Dec. 7th to 10th inclusive.

#### FARMERS' CLUBS

Farmers' Improvement Clubs acting as parents' leagues have co-operated with the superintendent and have been instrumental in raising the standard of the country school. The teachers and pupils have aided in preparing and giving programs; thus every one in the neighborhood being interested in the same thing and working for the same end. Many letters are received at the superintendent's office asking in what way these clubs may do more effective work in the betterment of local conditions.

#### SCHOOL NURSE

This year a special and systematic effort is being put forth to aid all children in a very practical way to be able to remain in school the entire season. This is by the employment of a school nurse for the medical examination of all school children. Williams is one of the six counties in the state which gives this much needed attention. It is found that both parents and children are pleased and grateful for this inspection. Many cases of defective hearing and poor eye-sight are found in children who are ignorant of the fact that they cannot hear or see as well as they should; and in nearly every school are found cases of enlarged tonsils, adenoids or bad teeth which should receive the attention of a specialist at once. The presence of skin diseases and other things of a contagious nature are located and advice given as to the best way of getting rid of the trouble.

Outside of the requirements of the law everything possible is being done to increase the efficiency of the schools, to make teachers and pupils happier in their work, and so make life seem the more worth living. Many of the schools have organs, the use of which however depends upon the ability of the teacher or some pupil to play songs and marches; several schools have bought Victrolas and others are planning ways and means to raise money for this purpose. Money invested in this way is a benefit not only to the school where marches and drills may be used and songs learned by the children, but the whole neighborhood may become familiar with the best music, both vocal and instrumental, and literary gems may be appreciated and committed to memory from the many repetitions of good renditions.

Play-ground apparatus is making its appearance in a few yards—sand-piles, swings and teeters. It is astonishing how easy these things are to prepare when once the wish to have them is aroused; it is also astonishing how "something to do" during the play hour, lessens the problems of discipline for parents and teacher, and increases the desire on the part of the pupils to attend school regularly.

The law provides that the flag shall float over every school house in North Dakota during seasonable weather and while school is in session. There are few schools in this county over which the Star Spangled Banner does not fly to proclaim to all passers-by that here is one of the melting pots of the nation; here boys and girls from every country come and are made into sturdy Americans, and trained to be future citizens and leaders. Many schools begin the day's work with a salute to our country's flag and close by singing a stanza of our nation's hymn.

### GROWTH OF BANKS SHOW PROGRESS OF THE COUNTY

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has paid many grocery bills and it has helped to contribute to the Three Million Bank Deposits in Williams County Banks,—saying nothing of the influence that it has brought to bear upon the prices on farm lands and at the same time the lowering of prices on living commodities and the lowering of interest rates. Today there is no place in North Dakota where better banking services are rendered to the producer than right here in Williams County and where the bankers take more genuine interest in the personal welfare of the producer. From every reasonable comparison the close and friendly associations between the Farmers and the Banks of this County should even be more apparent in the future than in the past,—knowing that such relations will bring about genuine results and will be one of the things that will make Williams County even better than it is today."

#### AS THE EDITOR SEES IT

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and a spiked tail suit will wipe out another \$40.00, with your dancing pumps absorbing at least a V. Of course it's great sport while it lasts, but the first thing you know you'll be yelling your head off for the old man to send you car fare home and the price of a full stomach before you start. Yep, city life is great in more ways than one.

We presume there is not a business or professional man in this town who is not an ardent advocate of home trading. So are we. And in this connection we want to suggest that it might be in keeping with such doctrines for certain of our worthy business men to remember that this paper has an up to date job printing plant and is prepared to do all kinds of printing. To say the least, it is rather disconcerting for us to urge the people to buy their goods at home and then run across a piece of printing for some local business house that has been ordered from out of town. The citizen who makes a practice of buying his goods from outside is injuring the business interests of this town. And the business man who has his stationery printed in other cities is taking a slap to the newspaper that speaks up in his behalf. Consistency? Yes, of a kind!

When a politician commences to inquire solicitously after your health, and how the children are progressing in their studies, and sends his regards to your wife, and wants to know what you have named the baby, just take to your heels and scoot. You know why.

With Stanford White dead, and Harry Thaw forgotten, and Jack Johnson and his white wife in other climes we quite fondly hoped that the mantle of American charity would not be further stretched for a season of time. And now up bobs Frank Lloyd Wright again!

### Williams and Williston Pertinent Appreciation

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cubic feet to every ton, and some tar and other stuff, then they mix in a binder and press it into briquets the size of a small biscuit—I suppose they got the idea from somebody's wife's first biscuits—and they are a fuel that is just about as good in every way as hard coal but costs only about half as much. The gas they get is A 1 for both lighting and heating and is worth enough to pay for the briquetting process. Now I have seen these lignite briquets, Mr. Eastman, have seen them burn and have seen the gas burn in a gas mantle—makes a brilliant white light.

Eastman took the coal in his hands, he was deeply interested. "I want to take a chunk of this home, I never thought there was anything like it out here. It appears to me that it is a pretty important feature of your resources. What does it cost the consumer, in this form?"

"About two seventy-five a ton delivered here in town, I believe, but they get it for less than half of that in the country by hauling it. There is some wood, from along the river, used in summer, but very little shipped-in coal. Lignite works well in furnaces and stoves that are made for it but it is easy to waste it with the wrong kind of an outfit. It is all right as steam coal, too, in stationary plants.

#### He Says It Is In The Air

Jones hunted up his wife and the three had dinner together. The farmer-booster could not keep the floor all the time now for the man from back east addressed some of his questions to Mrs. J. "The women had a hard enough time in the early days of this country," she said, "but conditions are growing better rapidly for both the women and children on the farms. We have better houses with more labor saving devices in them, we can sell our cream instead of making butter, we have some time to read and get to town and to club meetings oftener. I tell you, Mr. Eastman, if the people in the East who are struggling along with little chance to become independent, knew just how things are out here they would be coming in a stream. The way some of them persist in believing this is close to the north pole makes me sick. We have severe weather, hot and cold, and wind and sudden changes but I notice that those who come here from Iowa and Illinois and Minnesota would not trade climates, year for year. This corner of our state is especially favored by the Chinook winds that reach this far inland from the warm Pacific currents and bring periods of open weather in midwinter. The winter temperature goes low at times but is not as hard to endure as the damp, penetrating cold of farther east or south. As for winter storms, there are no more of them here than in other northern states. Our principal knowledge of blizzards is gained by reading of those that occur in the East and when somebody freezes to death it usually happens in Chicago or Michigan or New York.

"This country gets more hours of sunshine than the states farther south. In winter there are many fair, mild days when the air is crystal clear, dry and exhilarating. Spring, summer and autumn bring long periods when the days and nights are perfect and are linked by a long, delightful twilight."

"I believe this optimistic, boosting spirit comes out of the air. I begin to feel it myself. It must be a pretty good sort of a country when people who have lived here ten years talk like you folks. I am anxious to get out into the country and see the lay of the land and the stuff that is growing on it." The visitor was much in earnest.

"You will get the chance all right," replied Jones, "this afternoon I'll take you to the state experimental farm and show you what good farming will do on this soil, and show you heads of alfalfa and strawberries and other small fruits. I'll show you the best bunch of Percheron horses in the Northwest and some fine Holsteins. Tomorrow I would like to have you go out with us and see our place and our neighborhood, of course we think it a little the best part of the county. Then we can take some longer trips. There are plenty of the town men who will be glad to join in and help show you the country. We will show you some mighty nice farms for a country as new as this, some grain fields that are good for the eyes, and more good towns besides this one. If you have the time you ought to go across the river and see McKenzie county, there's a lot of fine country over there and splendid crops."

Will Come Back and Bring the Boys  
And so it happened that a few days later the Graphic man noticed Eastman and Jones and a Williston business man sighting from a car, evidently just in from a trip. It was the business man doing the talking and he was saying something like this:

"Land such as you have seen with good, rich soil and in every way desirable for farming can still be had for prices ranging from \$15 to \$35 an acre, in most cases on easy terms. The spread in prices is occasioned by the distance from market and the extent of improvement."

The reason for the cheapness of this land rests in the fact that the district is in that stage of development where part of the land is passing from speculating homesteaders and drifters into the hands of real farmers. This by no means applies to all homesteaders. Many took land with the intention of sticking and have stayed and made good. Their land in most instances is not for sale.

This county needs more good farmers and is getting them. Opportunity is here for those who invest now. The history of the West proves that good farm land is the safest of investments; the landseekers who are being crowded toward the west eventually must buy it. The consumption of the products of the farm is constantly on the increase but the area of tillable soil to raise them on cannot be added to. The more fertile districts, such as ours, where conditions are so good for general farming, will be bought up first and will make the most rapid

increase in land values. The best opportunities that are left today, count them good or count them poor, for farmers with either small means or big, are right here and in similar districts. What we want most, Mr. Eastman, is producers, men of energy and brains, like yourself and your sons, to develop the wealth of our country. We will make them welcome."

Eastman carefully lifted some grain samples, and vegetables out of the back seat. "I want to assure you gentlemen that I appreciate the hospitality I have enjoyed at your hands. I am not only pleased with what I have seen and heard but I am pretty well convinced that I have found the place I was looking for. I realize that my ideas of this part of the West, at least, were vague and inaccurate. If I can arrange things to make it possible you will see me out here again in a month or so and my sons and perhaps a neighbor or two will be with me."

It is to be hoped they arrive during that beautiful Indian summer that lasted about a month following the soaking rains that made another big crop a reasonable certainty for 1916. And it is to be hoped that Jones was at the train to meet them, and help them appreciate.

#### FOOTBALL RESULTS

West  
North Dakota 0, South Dakota 0.  
S. D. A. C. 21, N. D. A. C. 0.  
Minnesota 20, Chicago 7.  
Illinois 17, Wisconsin 3.  
Indiana 14, Northwestern 6.  
Ohio State 25, Oberlin 0.  
Ripon 7, Lawrence 0.  
Ames 16, Iowa 0.  
Marquette 30, Beloit 0.  
Kansas 0, Nebraska 33.  
Shattuck 22, Pillsbury 7.  
Kentucky State 7, Purdue 0.

Notre Dame 42, Creighton 0.  
Missouri 41, Drake 13.  
Carleton 66, Hamline 0.

#### East

Yale 13, Princeton 7.  
Harvard 16, Brown 7.  
Michigan 0, Pennsylvania 0.  
Army 24, Maine 0.  
Cornell 40, Washington Lee 21.  
Syracuse 38, Colgate 0.  
Navy 28, Colby 14.  
Georgetown 28, North Carolina Aggies 0.  
Carliste 20, Dickinson 14.

Rarmouth 27, Bates 0.  
Washington Jefferson 7, West Virginia Wesleyan 3.  
Pennsylvania State 33, Lafayette 3.  
Pittsburg 28, Carnegie 0.

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