

## MINNEAPOLIS MEN TO VISIT WILLISTON

FIFTH TOUR OF CIVIC & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION WILL INCLUDE US—IN JUNE

Announcement has just been received from Minneapolis that Williston is included in the itinerary of the Fifth Annual Trade Tour of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association which includes visits to forty-four towns and cities in North Dakota and Montana.

This Association has become famous through its annual trade excursions. Between ninety and one-hundred leading manufacturers, wholesalers, bankers and other business men of the Northwest's chief city will be members of the party which will travel in a twelve-car special train. They will carry a first class band and a battery of speakers.

The Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association always insists that its excursions are in no sense junkets or trade seeking parties. They are arranged for two purposes; first, to promote a more cordial business and social friendliness between the institutions of that city and the community visited and, second, to enable the principal members of the larger wholesale firms in the city to get better acquainted with the country visited. This acquaintanceship benefits not only Minneapolis but the territory through which the excursion passes since it enables the cities and towns to present their distinct advantages to a select party of men who are in position to assist materially in their development.

The route this year lies over the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, starting at Grand Forks on the morning of Monday, June 5th, proceeding westward over the main line of the Great Northern to Havre, thence South to Great Falls, Lewis and Billings. From Billings the main line of the Northern Pacific will be used, with stops at Forsyth, Miles City and Glendive on Saturday, the last day of the excursion.

While the route has been laid out and practically all the stopping points planned, definite hours of arrival and time of stops have not been arranged in all cases. E. C. Hillweg, an assistant secretary of the Association who will have charge of the tour, will make an inspection trip within the next ten days, to arrange all details of the excursion. Upon his return to Minneapolis definite announcement will be made regarding the time of arrival of the special in this city and the program to be carried out here.

## Base Ball Team Name Everybody Can Vote

The Base Ball Board received sixteen suggestions for names for the Williston team. The three judges appointed, as per instructions, selected the five they considered best.

These are:  
The Ranchers  
The Opportunes  
The Coyotes  
The Invincibles  
The Electrics

Now, the base ball loving public must do the rest.

May 1 to May 8 inclusive ballot boxes will be found in each of the three Williston drug stores, Kather's Creaser's and Williston Drug Company, and ballot slips will be supplied on request. Any resident of the city or surrounding country who is 15 years of age or more is eligible to vote. Girls may vote as well as boys. Put a cross opposite the name you prefer and sign your name—this last provision is to avoid repeating.

Manager Clarence Marshall will arrive from Rock Island, Ill., in a few days and practice for the local talent will begin.

## AT THE COURT HOUSE

Sunday evening Rev. F. B. Sapp of Minot will speak at 8 o'clock. The public is very cordially invited to attend. None will be disappointed in a vital gospel message for the times. The speaker is well known to Williston people.

## LAW FIRM CHANGES

The law partnership of Usher L. Burdick and John J. Murphy has been dissolved.

John J. Murphy and Ivan V. Metzger today entered into a law partnership under the style of Murphy & Metzger.

## The Reply Logical—From Bagder Senator

U. S. Senator Paul O. Husting of Wisconsin has sent a reply to the "appeal for peace" telegrams, that are being showered upon senators at Washington by the thousand, that is causing no end of favorable comment and promises to become historic.

The telegram with which United States senators from certain middle western states are being swamped, reads as follows:

"We urge you to use effort to keep this nation at peace."

Here is the reply that Mr. Husting sent back to his constituents:

"No one is more desirous of keeping this country out of war than I am, but war can best be avoided by wrong yielding to right and not by right yielding to wrong. Would therefore suggest that you also wire the German ambassador of the fervent desire of all Americans that their country remain at peace and that peace can best be preserved by the strict observation on the part of the imperial government of the provisions of international law governing naval warfare.

"Would further suggest that you wire the ambassador that all Americans, regardless of their ancestry or sympathies, stand solidly back of their government in this crisis."

The telegrams to senators being all worded the same are open to the suspicion of being backed by some sort of organization and Senator Husting's reply exactly fits.

## 320 Acre Farm Sells For \$35. Per Acre

Louis Hagen cashier of the First State Bank of this city has just closed a deal whereby the bank sold a half section farm 10 miles northwest of Ray to Mrs. Jonetta M. Leite of Petersburg, N. Dak., for \$11,000. This farm just disposed of is known as the new Lemire farm and was considered first class property. Mrs. Leite has made a number of trips to this county with the view of investing in farm land and after a careful survey decided that this farm would be about the best investment she would be able to find. She has already shipped up several carloads of stock and machinery for farm work this coming summer and is now making arrangements for the shipping of more material.—Ray Pioneer.

## FOREIGNERS CANNOT LEAVE FOR 20 DAYS

GERMAN PAPERS LOOK UPON GERMAN-AMERICAN TROUBLE IN MORE SERIOUS LIGHT

Geneva, Switzerland, April 26.—The German newspapers are now taking a more serious view of the German-American situation. They say Emperor William is expected to return to Berlin from general headquarters.

In the meantime, Americans attempting to leave Germany by way of Switzerland are encountering difficulties. Many of them have been held up at Constance, the Baden frontier having been closed yesterday.

Paris, April 26.—The German-Swiss frontier has been closed since Monday afternoon, even to mails, says a dispatch to The Matin from Berne. Foreigners now in Germany have been informed that none will be allowed to leave the country before twenty days have elapsed, the dispatch adds.

Berlin, April 26.—Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral Von Holtzendorff, chief of the naval general staff, departed for headquarters on the evening train to consult with Emperor William in regard to the reply to the American note. The chancellor's conference with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, this afternoon lasted half an hour.

## RESTAURANT SOLD

T. B. Hogan has sold his small restaurant located on the east side of Main street to John Hedberg who will take possession of the place May 1st. Mr. Hogan will give his entire attention to conducting the Silver Grill Cafe recently purchased from George J. Buhler.

## COURT HOLDS TRANSFER OF SCHOOL FUNDS LEGAL

UNANIMOUS OPINION BY SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS FORKS SCHOOL BOARD

A decision just handed down by the state supreme court in the Grand Forks injunction case may have an important bearing on situations confronting other public boards, both municipal and county. The following report of the decision is taken from the Grand Forks Herald of the 26th:

The supreme court of North Dakota today dissolved the injunction, made permanent in December by Judge Pollock of Fargo, retraining the Grand Forks board of education from erecting a new high school building.

The decision, which declares that the transfer of money from the teachers' to the general fund is not illegal, was written by Justice Burke, and all justices concurred.

The syllabus of the court follows: "An action to restrain the school board of Grand Forks independent school district from carrying out a contract for the erection of a high school building, because certain funds had been diverted from the purpose for which they had been levied and that without such funds, said contract creates a debt in excess of the constitutional limit.

"Held, that the transfer of funds from the teachers' to the general fund in this case is not prohibited by section 175, of the constitution, North Dakota."

Decision by Burke, J., all justices concurring. Justice Burke's decision, in part, follows:

"Not only the authority but the dictates of common sense impel us to hold, as we do, that incidental balances levied in good faith and for the same general purpose, when the original has been served, they can be transferred from one minor account to another without violating question 175 of our constitution. For instance, if a certain school board made a levy of \$1,000 for repairs for a current year and thereafter a fire occurred, doing damage to the amount of \$2,000 would it be contended that, the school building must remain unrepaired for another year until \$1,000 in addition could be levied and raised, while there was \$1,000 surplus in the sinking fund accumulated in good faith and not needed for that purpose. Furthermore, if the strict conception demanded by plaintiffs were allowed it would prevent the transfer of money levied to pay the teachers in 1914 to a fund to pay the same teachers in 1915.

"It must be kept in mind also that this is not an action through a decline for levy of a tax to prevent its collection, but is an action to restrain the fulfillment of a contract by the Board for the erection of a school building.

"Section 130 of the constitution, which, by the way, is not found in all the states having a section similar to section 175, reads:

"The legislative assembly shall provide by general law for the organization of a municipal corporation restricting their powers as to levying taxes and assessments, borrowing money and contracting debts and money raised by taxation, loan or assessment for any purpose shall not be diverted to any other purpose except by authority of law."

"If this section applies to school corporation, and we believe it does, it and not section 175 governs this case.

"It is our conclusion, therefore, that section 175 of the constitution does not apply to cases like the first. Therefore, a court of equity ought not and will not in this case interfere. The judgment of the trial court is reversed."

## History of the Case

The case had its origin a year ago when the school board passed a resolution providing for the erection of a new high school building.

A number of citizens protested against this action on the grounds that the site was unwisely selected, the cost of the building too great and the school board not in a position financially to incur such expense.

The board, however, proceeded to award contracts for the erection of the building, its action being upheld by a majority of the voters of the city at a special election held for that purpose.

## Injunction Issued

The citizens of Grand Forks who objected to the erection of the building at that time started court pro-

## U. S. TROOPS AGAIN ON TRAIL OF VILLA

ADVANCED DETACHMENTS OF DODD'S CAVALRY HAVE ANOTHER BATTLE

Field Headquarters, April 26.—Two Americans were killed and three wounded in an engagement between cavalrymen under Colonel George A. Dodd, and 260 Villa bandits, at Tomachic, in the center of Sierra Madre, in western Chihuahua, April 22, according to an official report reaching here.

The Villa command, under four chiefs, Baca, Cervantes, Dominguez and Rios, was surprised in the late afternoon and routed. After the battle the Americans found six dead Mexicans and nineteen wounded, while a quantity of horses, arms and equipment was captured.

El Paso, April 26.—The report has been received here that Colonel Dodd's advanced cavalry detachment had an engagement several days ago in which both sides suffered losses. It is not indicated whether the battle was with Villa bands or with Carranza troops.

Field Headquarters, Namiquipa, Chihuahua, April 26.—Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains northwest of Parral, where Villa is reported to be hiding.

The advanced base, 300 miles south of the border, is now completely equipped and trainload after trainload of motor trucks have arrived here within the last ten days bringing rations, clothing and equipment.

Information regarding the battle came in a private dispatch. Advanced detachments of Colonel Dodd's cavalry recently have been operating north of Satevo.

Officials of the Carranza government are optimistic in the belief that the conference of General Obregon and General Scott will result in peace on the border. Pending the conference, the bases and lines of communication of the American army are being strengthened for any eventuality.

## Scott Still Awaits Instructions

San Antonio, April 26.—Major General Scott is still awaiting instructions from the war department that will govern his coming conference (Continued on page 12)

## DIRECTORS CALL GENERAL MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 2—IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL CLUB BUSINESS

The working plans of the directors of the commercial club have reached a stage where it is advisable to lay certain important matters before the general body of citizens. The sub-committee appointed to arrange for a general meeting issues a call for Tuesday, May 2, at the court house, at 8 o'clock p. m.

## Large Attendance Imperative

It is the greatest importance that a large and representative attendance answer this call. Every man sincerely interested in the work of the club and the welfare of the city should be on hand. Matters of deep importance will be presented.

It is understood that the question of a paid secretary is at a point where the man whom the directors consider the most desirable of several available men considered can be secured at once.

President Jackson returned Sunday after a two weeks stay in the cities and had an interesting report to make at the Monday evening meeting of the directors.

Do not overlook the date—next Tuesday, at the court house, at 8 p. m.

## CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Civic League met at the Conley home last Tuesday evening for six o'clock dinner, Mrs. Grant Conley and Miss Pence entertaining. The program was an interesting one. Among the numbers was a duet composed and rendered by Mrs. Grant Conley and Mrs. Timmerman. Mrs. McIntosh gave a paper on "Civic Duty of Club Women" and Mrs. Gates sang a solo.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Tom McKay, president; Miss Bertha E. Palmer, vice president; Mrs. L. C. Wingate, secretary and Mrs. George Brugger, treasurer.

## Al Jennings History Shown On The Screen

The dramatization of "Beating Back," written by Al Jennings and Will Irwin in the Saturday Evening Post, being the life history of the most unique character in American history, is endorsed by Press, Pulpit, and Prison Reform Societies as being of infinite good in teaching the great fundamental principle of American life—Equality of every man.

In this picturization of Al Jennings' career (Orpheum, May 1 and 2) we see a man—a human like the rest of us—fallen to the lowest depths, an outlaw, train robber, and ultimately a convict—then pardoned by broad-minded President McKinley and given another chance at making good.

We see him return to his native state, where the fellowship of his former friends is denied him—the cold shoulder of disrespect turned on him, but Mr. Jennings, whom a New York critic declared a "human dynamo" was not to be daunted, for during the dismal nights between prison walls and during the hard days of labor and oppression under prison masters, this little man, erstwhile outlaw and terror of the Oklahoma hills, made a resolve to travel the straight and narrow way and upon his release from prison to point out to the coming generations the fallacy of wrong-doing.

We see him working his way back into the good graces of his old friends and neighbors; we see him with the one suit that was given him upon leaving prison worn into tatters, pleading with Judge Gillett of Lawton, to permit him to practice in his court. (He had been prior to his outlawry an attorney at law). We see him winning the case in the court of Judge Gillett, which started him on his feet in a financial way; we see him graciously ignoring the rebuffs of his old, and may we say hypocritical comrades, until through persistent hammering at the gates of society, having been recognized, we see him running for the highest office in his state, governor of Oklahoma. Why shouldn't it be if there is anything in "Christianity," if there is anything in lending a hand to the fallen brother, why then is it not hypocrisy for any man or woman to condemn Al Jennings, who has beaten back, buried his corrupt past and come forth with full repentance in quest of the public's recognition, which his tremendous vote for governor proves he has received to a large extent, if not altogether.

"Beating Back" comes to the Orpheum theatre Monday and Tuesday, May 1 and 2 and wherever it has been shown the people have been turned away by the hundreds.

"CLEAN UP WEEK" begins May 1st and ends May 6th; every occupant of premises, whether owner or tenant, is hereby notified and requested to clean up his premises by the removal of all ashes, manure and other refuse matter therefrom; and to see that all out houses, and other places on the premises are placed in a sanitary condition. Beginning on May 8th, a minute inspection of all premises in the City will be made and any failure to comply with the spirit of this notice will be reported for proper action. Every citizen owes a duty to himself, his family, his neighbors and the City to see that premises occupied by him are placed and kept in a neat and sanitary condition, therefore, by May 6th the latest, let every one have performed that duty and help thereby to make Williston what it should be the cleanest and best City in the State to dwell in.

Thos. F. Craven, President Board of Commissioners, Williston, North Dakota.

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## Traveling Salesman Dies In Williston

W. E. Parsons, a salesman who has represented the Chicago notion firm of Morris Mann & Riley on this territory for eight or ten years, died at a local hospital Monday night of a bowel complication.

Mr. Parsons was taken ill at the Great Northern hotel and was at once removed to the hospital where, as a last hope, an operation was performed which revealed an advanced stage of tuberculosis of the bowel.

Mr. Parsons' wife was summoned from the home in Minneapolis and arrived just before the death of the husband. The remains were taken to Minneapolis Tuesday.

The deceased was well known to a considerable number of local people and highly esteemed.

## FINE ENDORSEMENT FOR "GOVERNOR" BURDICK

COURT ROOM PACKED WITH FARMERS AND TOWN PEOPLE—PRINCIPLES APPLAUDED

The most enthusiastic political gathering seen in many moons in Williston was held at the court house last night.

The Burdick For Governor club had issued a call for a home endorsement meeting in the interest of Usher L. Burdick, Williston's candidate for governor, and the response was all that could have been asked. Nearly half the audience was composed of farmers who left their work to come and hear the "farmer's friend" expound the principles on which he is basing his campaign.

This is a farmers' fight on farmers' issues and that the farmers in attendance last night felt their faith in the local farmer candidate fully justified was emphatically shown by their frequent and loud applause and the congratulations they extended Mr. Burdick at the close of the meeting.

## Program of Good Speeches

W. B. Overson, as president of the Burdick for Governor Club, presided and opened the meeting with some valuable suggestions touching on the work the club sought to accomplish and some of the methods by which the people of the city and county and nearby counties could assist in the work. Mr. Overson suggested that all friendly to Mr. Burdick's candidacy write letters to friends in other parts of the state telling why our man is worthy of support.

Hon. Robert Norheim was expected to be present to represent McKenzie county but did not reach here, probably on account of the roads in the river bottom. The chairman called on W. G. Owens who responded with a fifteen minute speech. He said the whole republican party in North Dakota was now "progressive." He demanded to know why such sterling farmers, of long residence, unquestioned ability, and tested faithfulness to farmer interests as John Steen and Usher L. Burdick had been passed up by the non-partisan league leaders who posed as champions of the farmers' cause.

W. W. Keltner, made a rousing address. Speaking as a farmer for the farmers of the community he lauded Mr. Burdick the man who had done more, through his agitation of such issues as a lower interest rate, for the farmer and the poor man than any other man in the state. He advised the writing of Burdick endorsement letters. He said he had already written 21 such himself, and was roundly applauded.

H. W. Braatlien was the next speaker. He began by saying he had just spent several days in Divide county and had not met a man who was not for Burdick for governor.

He cited a strong array of reasons why the local man should be nominated and why he would be.

Mr. Burdick then took the floor and spoke for over an hour. Beginning with the framing of the constitution he outlined the political history of our country and entered into the fundamentals of his political beliefs and principles. It was a broad, liberal convincing argument; it was a speech marked by eminent fairness to all factions and its periods were frequently met by applause.

Mr. Burdick's address was taken by a stenographer and will be given in full in an early issue.

## Burdick For Governor Club Was Organized

Friday evening local republicans, enthusiastic in their support of U. L. Burdick for governor, met and organized the parent Burdick For Governor club. The purpose of the organization is to further the candidacy of the local candidate for governor both in this section and other parts of the state. The splendid "home endorsement" meeting held last night marked the first activity of the club.

The organization was effected with the following officers:

W. B. Overson, president; A. E. Lohrke, vice president; C. L. Marshall, secretary; S. M. Hyde, treasurer; Executive committee, H. W. Braatlien, John A. Corbett, G. R. Townsend; Membership com., E. A. Palmer, Ivan V. Metzger, L. C. Wingate.