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SPECIAL TRAIN FOR LIVE STOCK SHOW

EFFORT BEING MADE TO GET NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS INTERESTED

Itinerary Will Include Full Day's Entertainment in South St. Paul

If sufficient interest is manifested by the farmers of the north end of the state a special train may be run to give them an opportunity to see the great International Live Stock Show at Chicago, the classic event of all stock shows. Local parties are planning to co-operate with the Great Northern toward this plan and there is activity at other points along the line. The Grand Forks Herald says: An endeavor will be made to run a special train of North Dakota farmers and business men to Chicago the first part of December to take in the International Live Stock show, December 2 to 9.

A very large number of people were ready to make this trip in December, 1915, and some reservations were made with the committee having the matter in charge at Grand Forks when the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease brought about the abandonment of the 1915 show.

So many inquiries have been received in the past few weeks asking if the trip will be made this year that it has been decided to go ahead, should a sufficient number wish it.

The itinerary will include a full day's entertainment at the South St. Paul stock yards, one day at Madison, Wis., or at some well known dairy farm in Wisconsin, and three days at the International in Chicago.

The only object of the excursion will be the study of live stock conditions at close range and under the most favorable circumstances. The train will be run over the Great Northern and the officials of this road are in hearty sympathy with the idea and will use every effort to provide the best of service.

M. C. Bacheller and Don V. Moore of Grand Forks were chairman and secretary, respectively, of last year's committee and will handle the preliminary details at this time. The committee will consist of well known men from the towns along the Great Northern where interest is made known in the movement.

It is desired to have an expression from all over the northern part of the state and in northwestern Minnesota at a very early date, so that final arrangements can be made. The trip will be made at a cost of not to exceed \$70 starting point and will include railway fare, sleeper accommodations during the entire trip, dining car service and entertainment at St. Paul, Madison and Chicago. The party will break up at Chicago and come home at the individual's expense.

This price of \$70 is not official and will probably be lessened, but will depend upon the amount and cost of entertainment provided. The passenger department of the Great Northern will present figures at an early date showing entire cost from any town in northern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

President Wilson's Only Sister Dies

New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. C. E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died in her apartments in a local hotel early today. She was ill a week with peritonitis.

The president came here last Monday, returning Wednesday to Shadow Lawn. Mrs. Howe had been too weak to recognize him.

Mrs. Howe came here from Philadelphia early in the summer with her niece, Miss Margaret Wilson, a daughter of the president.

Nation's Death Rate Lowest On Record

Washington, Sept. 19.—The lowest death rate in the country's history is shown in preliminary vital statistics for the year 1915, made public today by the census bureau. The rate 13.5 per thousand is based on reports from 25 states and 41 cities with a total population of about 67,000,000. In 1914 the percentage of deaths was 13.6, the lowest recorded up to that time. There has been a steady decrease. The average rate during the period 1901-05 was 16.2.

MORE SPACE FOR WILLISTON DRUG

Messrs Bradley and Cutting have secured from Geo. W. Newton the room that has been occupied by H. V. Smith as an office and added the much needed space to the Williston Drug Company's store by cutting a large doorway between. They have not decided just what lines will occupy the annex but think perhaps it will make a satisfactory headquarters for the "hot stove league" and the world series dopesters.

DODD-PUTNAM

Thaddeous N. Dodd and Miss Rosetta Putnam, both of Epping, were united in marriage by Judge A. L. Butler at his office September 20.

Rev. Harriss To Be Returned, Third Term

On Wednesday evening the fourth quarterly conference of the local Methodist church met for the election of officers for the ensuing year; also to take action of recommendation for the pulpit for another year.

The following is the report of the work during the past two years during the incumbency of the pastorate of Rev. H. S. Harriss. There are 178 members resident, 22 members non-resident, 10 members on probation making a total in membership of 210. The membership two years ago was 95.

The Sunday school has an enrollment of 400 which is triple in growth. It has succeeded well under the leadership of Mrs. J. D. Gates as Superintendent.

The financial report submitted by Mr. E. A. Palmer was the best in the history of the church. The indebtedness of \$2,000.00 is taken care of and \$500.00 paid on improvements.

The Ladies aid society has shown healthy growth and has enjoyed a strong social and financial year. Mrs. A. H. Brown is president.

The following is the Board of Trustees was elected for the coming year: A. R. Veitch, Treasurer; E. A. Palmer, Chairman; Fred Eckert; Dr. F. W. MacManus; A. H. Brown; Arthur Grube; J. W. Disney; Geo. F. Carpenter, Secretary; George Epsen, Board of Stewards.

E. A. Palmer, Financial Secretary; J. W. Disney, Treasurer; C. F. Carpenter; Mrs. R. Slater; Mrs. A. E. Lowe; Cecil Inness; Mrs. F. Eckert; Mrs. C. F. Carpenter; Mrs. J. Stice; A. R. Veitch.

The church will start the coming conference year without one dollar of indebtedness, with the cause well organized and in a frame of mind to win further conquests for the Kingdom.

The annual conference of the church for the State of North Dakota meets in Jamestown on Tuesday, October 10th.

Guard Regiments Will Change Places

Washington, Sept. 18.—General Funston was directed by the war department today to return one national guard regiment to its home station for each new regiment of guards sent to the border.

The Second New York infantry will be one of the first to return, and other regiments will be selected by Funston. The train equipment used to transport troops recently ordered south, will be employed in bringing home returning regiments.

The orders issued are in line with Secretary Baker's policy of sending all the organizations in state mobilization camps to the border before they are mustered out of the federal service.

There are 18,000 guardsmen still in state camps. These will move as rapidly as the necessary arrangements can be made.

ENGINEER MANGLED IN TRACTOR GEARS

JOHN KELLY VICTIM OF FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR MCGREGOR —LEG TORN OFF

John Kelley, engineer with the Anthony Bloom threshing crew, lost his life by one of the most horrible accidents ever known in this section.

The Anthony Bloom machine was working between McGregor and Tioga and Tuesday evening was moving to a new job. While his engine was moving along the road, Kelley climbed out on it to adjust some part of the machinery. Losing his footing, he slipped so that the toes of his right foot were caught between the heavy cog wheels of the traction gear.

Powerless to stop his engine or extricate himself, the engineer was drawn into the machinery until the whole leg was crushed and the muscles torn away from his side and hip. After the engine was stopped, the combined effort of nine men was required to pry the wheels apart and release the victim after he had suffered tortures for half an hour.

Kelley was hastened to Tioga and received the attention of Dr. Stobie of that place and Dr. Hagan of Williston. The surgeons were able to do but little more than staunch the flow of blood and administer opiates. Dr. Hagan states that in all his surgical experience he has never seen a more excruciating suffering. Great muscles as large as a man's arm were literally torn from the body and some of the organs of the abdomen were exposed. The suffering of the victim was so intense that he begged for a revolver to end his life. He remained conscious most of the time and gave the address of a sister in Minnesota and stated that his parents were not living. Death came at 11 o'clock, about five hours after the accident occurred.

Kelley was a man about forty years of age, strong and robust, weighing about 190 pounds. Not much was learned of his history except that he had a homestead near Wolf Point, Montana.

DIED IN WESTLAWN

August Sidel, age 44, died at his home in West Lawn yesterday morning after a lingering illness. The funeral services are announced to be held at the M. E. church this afternoon at 2 P. M.

BOLLEY FINDS BEST SEED IN NORTH-WEST

SEED EXPERT VISITS WILLIAMS COUNTY FOR SEED WHEAT INVESTIGATION

Advises Farmers Having Fair Grades To Hold And Have Tests Made At Laboratory

North Dakota will require 3,000,000 bushels of wheat to seed the 1917 crop and a large part of it must come from the northwest corner of the state, is the assertion of Prof. H. L. Bolley, state seed commissioner and one of the highest authorities on matters pertaining to cereal crops.

Prof. Bolley spent a day in Williston and vicinity in personal touch with the wheat situation. He visited the Williston Sub-Station farm and examined samples of local wheat. In a long interview, granted the Graphic, he said there was certain to be an unusual demand for good seeds of all sorts grown on the farms for use next season. The greatest demand will be for wheat of good germination test. Every farmer who has wheat that weighs upwards of 54 pounds to the bushel and is in position to hold it for seed purposes should send a sample of at least half a pound to the Seed Laboratory, Agricultural College, for germination test. Every effort will be made to give prompt service and to bring those having seed and those needing seed in touch.

Better Rotation Basis

There is sure to be big demand for western grown seed of all kinds as there is but little in the eastern sections that will be fit and the western grown grains will be best for the needs brought about by the present conditions. Field seeds of every sort will be needed for many farmers will wish to try a wider range of crops so as to gradually get on a basis for crop rotation to escape loss from rust and other blights so destructive under constant wheat culture.

Every farmer needs alfalfa, corn, clover, millet, field peas, sudan grass, broom grass, wheat grass, timothy, etc., said Prof. Bolley. "Say to your readers that every effort will be made to place those who have good seeds for sale and those who need seed in touch with each other." To do that the laboratory must have a chance to analyze and test the seed offered and good sized sample lots should be sent in as soon as possible.

In speaking of the conditions that resulted in such poor yields and quality Prof. Bolley said that his investigation showed that scab and four or five other blighting diseases did most of the damage to the wheat crop and made it susceptible to the ravages of stem rust. The older the soil the greater the chance of disease infection. That is the reason for more good wheat the present season in the newer sections of the west.

Farmers will do well, said Mr. Bolley, to take an interest in the annual Pure Seed Show and Contest that will be held at Devils Lake, November 15, 16, 17 by the North Dakota Improved Seed Growers Association.

WATFORD ATTORNEY DIES IN WILLISTON

YOUNG EASTERNER WHO GRADUATED AT N. D. UNIVERSITY TAKEN SUDDENLY

Solomon Esberg, an attorney who recently has been associated with C. C. Converse at Watford City, died in a local hospital early Tuesday morning.

Monday Mr. Esberg was brought from Watford City by a physician and intended to go to Grand Forks to enter St. Michael's hospital, but after arriving here his physician advised that he was too weak to travel and should go to a Williston hospital to regain strength.

About four years ago, Mr. Esberg who is a graduate of the law department of the North Dakota university, came to Williston and practiced his profession a few months. Later he established himself at Great Falls from where he returned to his former home in the east. This summer, failing health made it necessary for him to again come west and he formed a partnership with Mr. Converse who maintains offices at Schafer and Watford City.

Solomon Esberg was a native of Perth Amboy, N. J., and was about 28 years of age. Deciding upon a legal career, he took the course at Columbia university, continuing when, on account of tubercular trouble his physician advised that it was imperative that he come west. He took a year's work in law at the State university, graduating with high honors. Immediately afterward he located in Williston. This climate made some improvement in his condition, but after returning east he grew rapidly worse and was obliged to come west again. He was a man of liberal education and an interesting conversationalist. During the time he was in Williston he gained many friends.

Mr. Esberg's people had already been summoned before he left Watford and arrived in Williston this morning.

W. J. BRYAN TO VISIT WILLISTON, SEPT. 27

FORMER SECRETARY WILL ARRIVE BY SPECIAL TRAIN AND SPEAK ON ISSUES

Democrats From Eastern Part Of State Will Meet The Bryan Party At Williston

Traveling by special train, former secretary of state, William Jennings Bryan and party will arrive in Williston from the west at noon Wednesday, Sept. 27, and will make a stop of one hour.

The Great Commoner will address a public meeting on the political issues of the present campaign. The committee in charge state that the meeting will be in the open air at the corner of Broadway and Main if weather conditions are favorable. If the elements make it necessary the meeting will be held in the Armory.

A general invitation is extended to everyone by the committee to hear Mr. Bryan's address. It is doubtful if any man of greater prominence has ever favored the city by a visit. It is understood that he will make a vigorous defence of the Wilson administration, and what he will have to say should be of interest to voters of all parties.

The Bryan special will be met at this point by party representatives from Grand Forks who will escort the state's distinguished guest on the remainder of his North Dakota trip.

Coming Attractions At Local Theatres

Lyric Theatre attractions for this week and next include:

Friday, Sept. 22 "Sins of Men," A William Fox production featuring Stuart Holmes and Dorothy Bernard. This new photodrama is based on a new "religion" called "Myself," the doctrines of the big ego, the creed of selfishness. The story of the film works out with remarkable effect.

Saturday, Sept. 23 "The Almighty Dollar," A William A. Brady production, featuring Frances Nelson, E. K. Lincoln, and June Elvidge. The story of the Almighty Dollar is about two young convent-bred girls who are left orphaned and unprotected on the death of their mother to face the ways of the world alone. A very inspiring and fascinating story.

Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 25-26, "Cameo Dirby," A Jesse L. Lasky production, featuring Dustin Farnum. A fascinating Southern romance. A drama that ran an entire year in New York and thousands of performances throughout the country.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 "The Man From Home," the famous comedy drama featuring Chas. Richman who takes the role of Daniel Pike, at heart a rare lover, a rare man and displaying the typical wit of a Hoosier lawyer.

Thursday and Friday, Sept. 28-29, "Battle of Hearts," featuring William Farnum "a man of determination" who acts the part of a noble sailor, brave and capable of great sacrifice. A romantic drama of the sea and a picture play of artistic merit that will appeal to all.

AT THE ORPHEUM

Commencing with double star program on Monday and Tuesday the program at the Orpheum the coming week will be especially attractive. Monday and Tuesday the famous motion picture actor William S. Hart will appear in "The Apostle's Vengeance." Mr. Hart has appeared in a number of pictures at the Orpheum and each and every one has been a masterpiece in every respect and the management assures you "The Apostle's Vengeance" will be as good as the former pictures in which Mr. Hart has appeared. "Fatty" Arbuckle will be seen to advantage in his latest comedy picture "The Waters Ball" on the same program.

Wednesday the much talked of film Barbara Frietchie, with little Mary Miles Minter in the leading role will be the attraction. Those seeing this attraction will be guaranteed of a first class production from the famous Metro studios.

For Thursday a Triangle program with Mae Marsh and Robert Harron, stars of Birth of a Nation, in A Wild Girl of the Sierras, and a Keystone Comedy "Wild Oats" will be presented.

The dates on the much talked of "Fall of a Nation" are set for Oct. 2nd and 3rd.

Benefit Dance Proved Delightful Occasion

The benefit dance held at the Armory Monday evening proved one of the greatest successes ever scored by a similar event in this city. The idea of combining a delightful social affair and a means of contributing to the benefit fund for Company E, now on the Mexican border, originated with several public spirited young ladies of the city who were ably assisted by friends and relatives of the company members.

The Armory was made beautiful by a profusion of garden flowers, and excellent music was provided. A lap lunch was served in the basement and was a very popular feature. Nearly 150 couples were in attendance and the dance promoters realized gross receipts of about \$325.

Mrs. James A. Cooper of Fargo arrived in Williston Saturday for a visit of a week or more as the guest of the Bridge club.

Suggests Corn And Alfalfa Exhibits

"Why not a state wide school corn and alfalfa exhibit during Appreciation Week this year" is the suggestion of Commissioner R. F. Flint of the state department of agriculture. "If the teachers of the various schools would set aside a special day during that week to hold an exhibit of corn and alfalfa and other products of their district it would prove both interesting and valuable. Suitable exercises, programs and discussions could be arranged and the patrons invited to be present at the judging. The best of these samples could then be sent to the various winter exhibits at Grand Forks, Fargo, Minot, Bismarck, Devils Lake, Garrison and other places within the state. Corn and alfalfa are valuable beyond estimation on the farms of North Dakota therefore such exhibits are of much importance."

"But the immeasurably greater value of helping place North Dakota before the nation as a corn and alfalfa state would come by sending exhibits thus collected to the First National Corn Show at St. Paul in December."

Women To Run Train In Hughes' Interest

The Republican Women's Campaign Committee and the Women's Committee of the Hughes Alliance are sending across the continent in October a Hughes Campaign train to get votes for Hughes. It has changed the slogan so long associated with all women's political activities from "votes for women" to "votes for Hughes," and has placed practical political activity forever above and beyond mere voting.

This is not a suffrage train. It is a Hughes Campaign train. It will carry a dozen or more of America's foremost writers and speakers and workers, who have been selected as leaders in their fields of work in Americanization, immigration, education, protection of women, probation, and not for what they believe on suffrage.

This train will visit 28 states, as follows: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

It will be met in each state by state reception committees who will travel through the state. The meetings will be for both men and women. The local speakers will be men. The meetings will be presided over by men, and the issues presented will be national.

The train will be financed and managed by women who, by being efficient, are thus putting into practical operation Mr. Hughes's slogan, "America first."

CITY BEAUTIFUL PRIZES AWARDED

ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX CHILDREN KEEP UP WORK STARTED BY B AND T

A most successful conclusion to the City Beautiful Contest, instituted by the B and T club, early in the summer was marked by the awarding of the prizes to the successful contestants. Besides the giving of the prizes, which were fourteen in number, amounting to \$30, 136 children enjoyed the privilege of free admission to the Lyric theatre where they witnessed the performance of Cinderella with Mary Pickford in the title role.

The judges after making their final inspections had a most difficult task to decide on the prize winners. The prizes were offered for the yards and gardens in which the greatest improvement was made during the present summer. The judges of course kept this fact before them and it was not in all cases the premises presenting the finest appearance that won the prizes. 136, or a very high percentage of all who started in the contest, kept up the work to the close, and the club feels well repaid for the effort the campaign has cost. They feel certain that it will be much easier to arouse interest next year.

The winners
The first prize, \$10, was awarded to Harold Keyes. Harold had a new yard to work with and the splendid improvement brought about won him the judges decision.

The second prize of \$5 went to Ellsworth Watton. The chief feature of this yard was a fine vegetable garden.

Third prize, \$3, went to the two sons of Judge A. L. Butler. Three bird houses that attracted wrens, robins and bluebirds as tenants, were strong features of the Butler yard.

Glena Hickman won the fourth prize of \$2 by faithful work in the yard of a small log house that is one of the early landmarks of the city, at 2nd Avenue east and Fifth street.

The \$1 prizes were won by Edwin Rickard, Cyril and Elinore Kulas, Roy Hval, Elizabeth, Bessie and Benjamin Nelson, Carl and Viola Jewett, Nevada Hyde, Joe and Bertha Shikany, Vaughn Kelly, Jessie Sween, Hannah Veitch.

The judges say that honorable mention is due the fine yards of E. E. Haney, A. A. Bradley, the Episcopal rectory, the Methodist parsonage, M. Stedam, Richard Peyton and May Bell.

STRANGE WAR CRAFT COMES FROM PEORIA

CATERPILLAR TRACTORS THAT DEFY ALL OBSTACLES NOW USED BY BRITISH

Other Nations Buyers—Manufacturer Describes Land Dreadnaught Used In Europe

Washington, Sept. 18.—The British "tanks," the armored motor cars used in recent assaults on German trenches in northern France so successfully as to attract world-wide attention, were built for the most part in Peoria, Ill., in the form of caterpillar tractors designed many years before the war began to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming.

Except for their armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands like them are in use today in the United States, in plowing, digging ditches and other labors less heroic than war.

U. S. Army To Be Equipped

The United States army will be equipped soon with giant armored cars equal in power and effectiveness to those now in use by the British on the French war front.

The Ordnance Bureau of the War Department is having built such cars. The size and design is being kept secret by the army men.

General Hugh L. Scott, chief of the army staff, admitted this much tonight. He would not tell of the progress on the work of building the cars, whether any had been completed and were being tried out by the army experts, or where the parts for the cars were being made.

M. M. Baker, vice president of the Holt Manufacturing Company, explained here today that it was machines made by his company at its Peoria plant that had hurled German trenches, walked through forests and crawled over shell craters in the face of intense gun fire.

Germany Purchaser, Too

"We have sold about 1,000 caterpillar tractors to the British government," said Mr. Baker. "We have had nothing to do with putting armor on them or placing machine guns, but some of our men at Tidderhot, England, recently were notified that the British government intended to armor some of the tractors and use them for work other than the usual towing of big guns."

"Germany had some of these tractors before the war began, and, although I do not understand just how it occurred, I believe she may have got others since then. We have sent some to France and some in Russia."

"So far as I know, up until the recent appearance of the motor cars the tractors were used only to tow big guns. I understood that Germany used about forty of them in this work before Liege early in the war, and recent photographs show that the British are using some of them now for the same purpose."

Act Like Juggernaut

Mr. Baker said he did not know how many of the 1,000 tractors sent to England had been armored and put in service as land battleships, nor did he know what equipment the British war office had placed upon cars to be used in this work.

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything or through almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, roll over logs or climb through small craters like a car of Juggernaut. It looks uncanny to see them crawl along the ground, just like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest, if they encountered trees they could cut their way out of their way; they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own paths."

Carry Own Tracks

Mr. Baker said the tractors sent to England weigh about 18,000 pounds each, develop 120 horsepower and are built of steel. The caterpillar feature, he explained, is of the utmost importance. Speaking broadly, the tractor crawls on two belts, with corrugated surfaces on either side of the body. The corrugated surface is on the ground. On the inside of the belts, on each side of the body, are two lines of steel rails, making four lines in all. These rails are in short sections, jointed and operate over a cogged mechanism that actually lays them down with their belt attachment as the tractor moves ahead and picks them up again, so that the car runs on its own self-made track continuously.

Machine Easy To Turn

The short joints in the rails make it easy to turn to right or left. The body is supported by trucks with five wheels, something like small railroad trucks. These wheels never touch the ground, but run upon the steel rails. In the ordinary tractor about seven feet of belt and rails is on the ground at one time.

Mr. Baker said that the machine would bridge any trench that was not wider than the length of the track. It laid on the ground at one time. The "bow" might hit the far side of the trench, far below the top, and the "stern" would undoubtedly sink a little, but the tenacity of the tractor, he declared, would enable it to go ahead and climb out.

The width of track used on the machines sent to England, Mr. Baker said, was twenty-four inches. He declared that the ground pressure is about three pounds per square inch where a thirty-inch track is used, or less than that of the foot of either man or horse.