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POTATOES, SPUDS, MURPHIES, TUBERS

CALL THEM WHAT YOU LIKE—NUGGETS MIGHT FIT—WE HAVE THEM HERE

Yield Above the Average—Price Soaring—Bright Prospects for the Industry

3,700 BUSHELS, 16 ACRES
M. S. Phillips has harvested his 16 acre crop of potatoes on his Muddy Valley farm, just north of Williston, and realized 3,700 bushels of fine, large smooth tubers. Mr. Phillips says he received an offer of \$1.10 per bushel for his whole crop but believes the price will be much higher in the spring. He has stored his crop in an underground room built especially for the purpose.

Big Ones to Bake
A Bismarck paper says: "With a small supply of great big potatoes in prospect as a result of the mediocre crop this year, Hazen J. Titus, superintendent of the Northern Pacific dining car department, is casting about for this food in sufficient quantities to serve patrons until another season produces more bountifully. His prestige as the discoverer of the 'great big baked potato' is at stake, he says."

If the nineteen sample bushels brought in on "Williston Day" and exhibited for prizes were fairly representative of the Williams county crop Mr. Titus can fill part of his order right here—if he will pay the price.

While the spud crop is reported short in many of the potato growing sections of the older states, this section, at least, of North Dakota has better than an average crop. Yields are reported at from 150 to 225 bushels per acre and the quality is extra good. Those in a position to judge believe that the potato crop is certain to become one of the large and fairly reliable assets of Williams and surrounding counties. With the prices of all other staple food products soaring the price of potatoes seems sure to remain above the profit yielding figure.

A Money Crop
A man with a wide experience with potato culture recently expressed it as his opinion that this section can grow as good tubers as any place in the world if the proper study is given to their culture, he said we have the soil and climate that produce yield and quality. "The farmer who will put in from five to twenty acres of potatoes and take care of them," he said, "will find them a bank account booster when the wheat crop falls short."

Requires Study
"Different from wheat or flax or hay, potatoes are a perishable crop and not only the growing but the storing and marketing of them must be carefully considered to insure success."

The truth of this statement is verified by the attention being given the potato industry at the agricultural college.

Dr. J. E. Boyle, with the North Dakota Experiment station as investigator of farm produce marketing conditions, will undertake an investigation of the potato marketing question, with particular reference to the handling of the tubers, the marketing of them, and the prices paid by local buyers.

To Study Whole Problem
"Dr. Boyle will make a study of the whole question within and without the state," Mr. Cooper said. "It is a known fact that producers are ed losses through ignorance of the market condition, the place to market their produce, the method of handling, etc. We hope to place before the producers concrete facts that will aid them in handling their crop."
"Potatoes are about the only perishable crop of any consequence grown in this state. To properly handle it requires thorough knowledge of the situation."

SOCIAL NOTES

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. C. F. Currie pleasantly entertained a party of her friends. Cards, sewing and a delicious luncheon were the features of the afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Jackson will entertain the bridge club Friday evening, complimentary to Mrs. C. Herschel Koyl and Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Albert Huseby entertained a party of young folks Wednesday evening. Pretty Halloween decorations and a dainty lunch were attractions.

SYRIAN RELIEF URGENT

Dr. T. H. David is using every effort to call attention to the dire need of relief for his starving countrymen. Syrian relief days are set for Oct. 21 and 22. The movement has received national sanction and support.

Secy. Morrill—I would appreciate your extending through the Graphic the thanks of the Commercial Club to the various citizens of Williston who so heartily co-operated and made possible the big day.

Home Talent Play At Armory, Oct. 20

The home talent play to be given during the Catholic Ladies bazaar at the Armory, Friday evening, October 20, promises to be of unusual interest and introduces some novel features. The opening scenes are laid in the South at a time before the war, the close is brought down to the present amid local surroundings.

Act I
Scene—Living room of A Tennessee farm home.

Act II
Scene—Twenty years later Prairies of North Dakota.

Act III
Street scene in Williston—some 40 years later.

Cast of Characters
Wm. Miller—young graduate from Yale—Frank Morrill.
Martha Brown, a Tennessee belle—Myrtle McKenna.
Sam, a dorkie—Herman Callahan.
Bill Scott, western rancher—Jack Heffernan.
Mary Scott, Jack's wife—Jeannette Craven.
Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. Miller's son—Edward Conlin.
Geo. Strong, Tommy's pal—Campbell Minkler.

Between-act Specialties
Solo—Miss Jeannette Craven.
Reading—The East and the West—Campbell Minkler.
Music—Onstad's Orchestra.

Supper and Program, Union School, Oct. 28

Fish pond, basket supper, and program at Union School, Eight Mile district, five miles south of Trenton, at 8:00 P. M. Saturday, October 28. Ladies please bring baskets and cups. Coffee served free. Everybody welcome.

\$50,000 FOR STATE COAL EXPERIMENTS

CONGRESSMAN NORTON HAS FAITH IN LIGNITE AND MISSOURI RIVER TOWNS

"If I don't secure a \$50,000 appropriation next year for the purpose of furthering experiments in lignite coal, 700,000,000 tons of which underlies western North Dakota, I am badly mistaken," said Congressman P. D. Norton while in the city on Wednesday attending the Slope fair and looking after business matters. A substitute for gasoline can be secured from lignite and this is the most urgent need that the country faces. All available gasoline will be used in 25 to 30 years, and a substitute must be found. Prof. Babcock says gasoline or light oil is contained in lignite and so testified before a committee in congress." Mr. Norton stated further about the value of our coal: "Dye is contained in lignite and the nation also needs dye stuffs badly. Our lignite offers the solution of two of the nation's greatest problems, and \$50,000 to experiment for these things will not be a very large request."

When asked about securing federal aid to build a bridge over the Missouri, he said: "It can't be done. However, the federal aid for state roads, \$100,000 of which is available to the state next year, may be used to finance such a purpose."
"I believe in the future of this particular part of North Dakota, especially Missouri river towns. The Missouri will be harnessed some day—within 25 years, is my guess—and the N. P. itself will be electrified and get its supply of power from current generated by the current of the Missouri river. Manufacturing will be called here by cheap power and your town will be a large city. It cannot be otherwise," concluded the speaker.—Mandan News.

Williston Meets Minot Saturday

Next Saturday is football day in Williston. That being the date of the annual clash between the Minot and Williston high school elevens.

The game is easily the big card of the season and all fans who wish to witness a real gridiron contest should be at Bruegger field at 3 o'clock. The Williston 1916 team has not had much of the experience that comes with real, gruelling practice work and are on edge, anxious for a try at retrieving some of the laurels the Magic City school boys have wrested from them in the past.

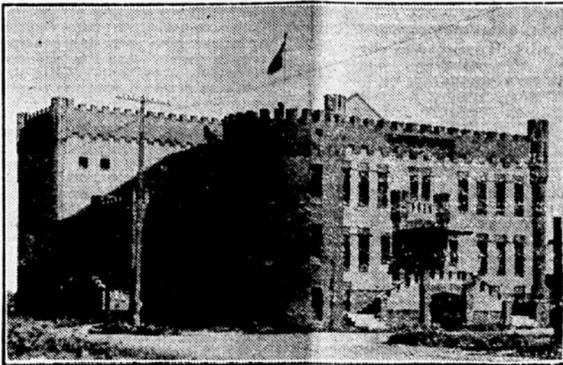
The Minot team is apparently strong and has been trimming such teams as Carrington and Kenmare by lopsided scores.

Coach Cutting while not making predictions as to the size of the score says that the local team are in good condition and full of the fighting spirit that never quits. If the Orange and Black team hit their stride and play the game they are capable of the coach believes Minot is due for an unpleasant surprise.

A big turnout at the game will be strong encouragement for the local athletes. Come out and root for Williston.

RUMMAGE SALE
On Saturday, October 28th the Ladies of Saint Peters Episcopal Guild will hold a rummage sale at first building north of Wms. Co. State Bank. 18-1t.

WILLISTON ARMORY-AUDITORIUM



Where the great Get-Together Supper was served as the concluding feature of Williston Day. Of the many important community acquisitions of the past year this handsome building is one of the most useful. Besides being the home of Company E, it is an opera house, auditorium, gymnasium and general purpose hall. It has made possible such attractions as the de Koven Opera Company, the Philharmonic Orchestra, Birth of a Nation picture and the Get-Together Supper. The building is 53 by 140 feet.

THOUSANDS ACCEPTED WILLISTON'S INVITATION

Day of Big Features Found Streets Thronged From Morning Until Midnight—Barbecue Board Swept Clean—Remarkable Showing of Spuds—Pageant and Supper Mark Historic Night.

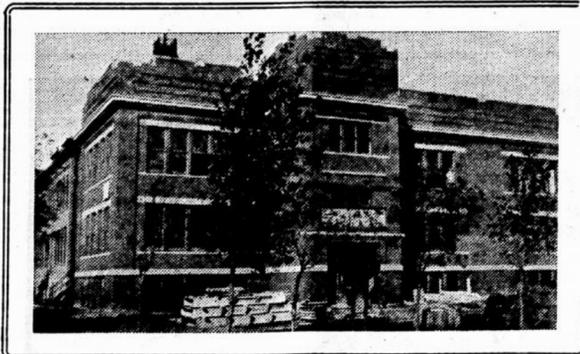
Saturday, October 14, Williston Day, set a new mark in civic achievements. As a celebration and get-together time it must be labeled a success from, roast to toast of the long program of events.

The streets were packed with those who accepted the city's invitation. How many came is impossible to say but it is known that 5,000 buns, a three-year-old steer, two barrels of cider, 100 gallons of coffee and other items on the menu in proportion disappeared in toto and more could have been used if the demand had been anticipated. The ox was beautifully roasted and as tender and evenly done and savory as could be expected.

The weather was North Dakota's best and the throng certainly appeared to enjoy the day thoroughly.

The Evening Throng
Many of the out of town visitors stayed for the evening celebration and were joined by practically the whole city, making the greatest assemblage ever seen on the streets, according to old residents who have lived here since "cow camp" days.

Williston Schools Prove Growth of City Enrollment 1,000—200 In High School



NEW SOUTH WING OF CENTRAL SCHOOL
Now under construction. To be completed about December 1st, at a cost of \$35,000. It will be modern to the last detail and will match in style the North Wing, built two years ago. The original Central building, which stands between the new structures, and which was built in 1899, "to supply all future needs," will eventually be replaced to harmonize and coordinate the group.

A Bit of History
Statistics recently placed on file in Supt. White's office, show through the public schools the remarkable growth of the city. These facts are peculiarly interesting at this time following the celebration of "Williston Day."

In 1895 there were 88 pupils in the school, cared for by three teachers. In 1900, although there was still no high school, the teaching force was increased to seven, and pupils enrolled numbered 241. Five years later the records show: 32 in high school, 331 in the grades, and a teaching corps of eight. The next five years show a splendid growth: 701 in the grades, 130 in the high school, 21 teachers. The probable statistics for 1916 are approximately 800 in the grades, 200 in high school, and a teaching force numbering 33.

The growth of the schools is further shown by the history of the buildings. In 1899 the Central school building was erected, with the understanding that this would be ample for the needs of the city for many years to come. Instead of merely the eight rooms originally planned in use at the present time, the fourth story

Business Was Good But Law Interfered

Second hand but perfectly good machinery and equipment such as garages find useful was a specialty with John A. Richardson.

Very attractive prices were offered but an advance payment, "to cover freight charges" was asked and frequently paid. Richardson, who is described as suave and clever, with all the polish of an expert salesman, is reported to have done a thriving business in many of the larger towns of the western states. He reached Williston and business was still fairly brisk but this was the last town he made.

Over at Helena the enterprising salesman neglected, it is alleged, some trifling details that the Montana law is particular about, such as delivering the goods sold, or something like that, so Sheriff Rolla Duncan of Lewis and Clark county sent out circulars describing Richardson and offering \$50 for his arrest.

Chief Nolan got his eye on the circular and then on Richardson—presto, there was a bad slump in the second hand machinery business. Yesterday Deputy Sheriff Hayes of Helena arrived and took the prisoner back where he is wanted.

Chief Nolan has a nice blue check that reads "fifty and no one-hundredths dollars."

Era Bond Must Go To Chicago For Trial

St. Paul, Oct. 16.—The Minnesota supreme court today dismissed the appeal of Era Bond, a wealthy Minneapolis broker, indicted in Chicago in connection with the alleged automobile theft syndicate.

The supreme court sustained the county district court's order quashing a writ of habeas corpus and remanding Bond to the custody of the sheriff for delivery to the Chicago officials. The governor has already granted Bond's extradition.

MURDERED BY THUGS IN CAR AT STANLEY

LABORER FROM RAY SHOT TO DEATH WHEN HE RESISTS ROBBERS' ATTACK

Ray Pioneer—Another murder was added to the list on Tuesday morning at Stanley when Lars Olson who had been working through the threshing season here on the Gunderson & Johnson threshing outfit was shot to death in a box car on the railroad yards at Stanley by a trio of thugs who were attempting to rob Olson and his companion M. Gillispie.

The murder was committed at 1:30 o'clock in the morning while they were enroute to the Twin Cities. Olson and M. Gillispie boarded the freight train at Ray and were riding in an empty box car and when the train stopped at Stanley two thugs entered the car for the purpose of robbing the boys of their money earned while threshing. One of the thugs held a flash light in one hand and a revolver in the other and made the demand for Olson to throw up his hands. Olson was a husky young fellow grappled with the thief and in the mixup was shot through the heart dying instantly. As soon as the shot was fired Gillispie who was unarmed jumped from the car and ran to the depot for help, the thieves and murderers then became scared and fled from the scene before they had time to rob the victim of about \$20 in cash and \$40 in travelers checks.

As soon as Gillispie had given the alarm Sheriff Slaughter and Coroner Brigham of Stanley were notified and shortly after appeared on the scene and a search of the train for the murderers was made but no one was to be found.

A coroner's inquest was held Tuesday afternoon and the jury rendered a verdict that the death was caused by a gun shot wound from the hands of some person or persons unknown to the jury.

Suspect Arrested

John Riley a suspicious looking character who had been hanging around Stanley Tuesday evening and who made up his mind very suddenly to pull out as soon as he heard that Olson had died from the shot was afterward arrested. Riley has confessed that he was there at the time of the shooting, but says that he was not the man who did the shooting as he was standing guard at the door of the car while his two companions committed the murder. Riley is confined in the jail at Stanley and it is not known at this time what charge will be made against him.

The authorities are in receipt of a telegram from Ole M. Olson a brother of the murdered man, who is located at Taylor Falls, Wisconsin, to the effect that he would arrive Thursday and the remains will be shipped to his old home in Wisconsin.

Lars Olson the murdered man and his partner Gillispie came to Ray early in the fall and put in the threshing season working for the Gunderson & Johnson outfit and on Monday when the machine finished up with the season they were paid off with the rest of the crew, Olson and Gillispie were going to beat their way to Minneapolis and later intended to work in the fields of southern Minnesota husking corn. Olson was a bright young man about 23 years old and was a hard worker well liked by the rest of the threshing crew.

BETTER FARMING FORCES PREPARE

OUTLINE OF COOPERATIVE WORK FOR THE WINTER SEASON—STOCK SALES

Farmers' Convention Set For Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15—Marketing To Be Considered—Seed Wheat

The Williams County Better Farming Association is laying plans for some of the more important work of the winter season and gives out advance information and suggestions. The first and most important event is the annual farmers' convention which will be held earlier this year. The bulletin just issued says:

"The third annual Williams County Agricultural Convention will be held at Williston on Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, 1916. Put this date down on your calendar and plan your work to attend. Practical farmers right off the farm and students of the agricultural problems of production and marketing will speak before the Convention."

"Special attention will be given to pastures and in the line of marketing to the small grain market. A meeting during the convention of the farmers elevator boards of directors and managers in Williams County and the adjoining counties is being planned for the purpose of discussing the farmers elevators and improving their service to the farmers of the county. Remember Dec. 12-15, 1916 at Williston."

Combination Sales

"The Association is contemplating the holding of some combination live stock sales in the spring at different places in the county. The idea is to hold a sale in about three places in Williams county. Special attention would be given to the selling of horses before spring work opened up."

"We have many good horses on farms in Williams county and there is no need of buying from outsiders who ship horses in. The object of these sales would be to get local buyers and local sellers together. This would also keep the money in the county. A charge to cover expenses would be placed against each animal sold."

"Write to the county agent giving him your ideas on this matter and the number of horses you would have for sale so that the association board of directors can have some idea of what demand there is for sales of this kind and they will take the matter up at their fall meeting. Address the county agent at Williston. The sales would also be planned to include heifers and good cows, hogs and bulls."

Marquis Wheat For Seed

"In traveling over the county the county agricultural agent finds that a large percentage of the farmers are planning to seed Marquis wheat in the spring of 1917. It is well at this time when farmers are buying their seed wheat to call attention to a well known fact that Marquis wheat should have the best land in order to produce the best results. Corn ground, summer fallow or laid over breaking will give good results with this variety of wheat but it should not be sown on old land where there will be a short supply of moisture in case of an average or dry season. Dr. Saunders, of Canada, who bred and introduced Marquis wheat says himself that Marquis wheat should be favored as it is a short strawed wheat. In case of a dry year there may be considerable disappointment with Marquis wheat if it is seeded on land that is handled under average conditions. We do not need to seed Marquis simply to escape the black rust for we may not have rust again for a long time. It is a condition that we do not need to figure on very much."

Fife and Drum

"We believe that Powers' fife will be one of the stand bys for seeding in this county on all kinds of land. Marquis and Blue stem have their place as well. Durum wheat is also a wheat that should have a high place in the wheat acreage of the county."

"This statement is not published to hurt Marquis wheat for it is a good wheat and has its place but should not be given first place under all conditions."

League Met With Mrs. John Bruegger

The Civic League held its regular meeting Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. John Bruegger. Mrs. Jos. Greengard and Mrs. Bruegger were hostesses at a six o'clock dinner.

Following the dinner the program of the evening was given.

Roll call was responded to with selected subjects.

Instrumental duet—Mrs. U. L. Burdick and Mrs. M. H. Aaen.
Lesson review—Mrs. L. C. Wingate.
Reading—"The Destroyers," by Kipling—Mrs. Paul Leonard.
The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. U. L. Burdick. The date has been changed from October 31 to October 30 on account of the county teachers meeting.