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Are Classed as Fakers

Sells & Downs' Circus Do Not Give Satisfaction to the Thousands of People Who Gathered here Last Thursday. Some Features Were Good However.

The sun rose bright and clear when the Sells and Downs' circus pulled into the G. N. yards last Thursday morning. A crowd gathered at the depot to witness the unloading of the paraphernalia and the animals. It was an interesting sight to watch them raise the little city of tents.

The parade with its animals and music gave all the appearance of a good show. But how soon were we disappointed. The free exhibition gave evidence of its being a fake and their decision to give only one performance was another. But the authorities saw that the farmers had come in, and would see the first performance they saw no hope of an evening crowd.

The city experienced a crowd that would do justice to any of our large cities, and from early morn until noon farmers could be seen coming in from all directions. It was estimated that at least 10,000 people were here.

The parade started at eleven o'clock and immediately after the free exhibition was given and then the side show. Of all fakes the side show was one. A gentleman related as how he bought a ticket and paying the exorbitant price of 25 cents expected to see something great; but only ran up against grafters right and left. The only freak was a little negro, born with a peculiar shaped head and a tuft of hair on the top of it to give it a wild appearance. In the center of the tent was a gambling game and it is surprising such a thing should have been tolerated.

After paying 25 cents to get in the side show, they wanted another quarter to see the hootche-kootchie dance. Next thing in line was the big show and if one could not get a ticket for 50 cents they were obliged to give it to you for a \$1.00 or \$1.10. Talk about robbery, why this was one of the worst kind. It would not have been so bad if they had a uniform price, but to have three or four prices was outrageous. Some of the features in the big tent were good, such as the bicycle performance, the trained horses and some acrobatic features, but on the whole it was a failure and could be outclassed by many a ten cent show.

The people of Minot are willing to pay a good price when they have something worth seeing, but such grafting, fakery, robbery they will not tolerate, and if Sells & Downs shows come here again, rest assured they will not do any business.

To Raise Price of Wheat

The American Society of Equity has been organized in Indianapolis. Its aims being to keep the price of farm products up. The farmers are urged to not sell wheat for less than \$1.00 a bushel. A bulletin issued by the society says in part:

"It is evident that the American farmers cannot produce over about twelve bushels per acre on an average, which is 88 cents per bushel represents \$10.56 per acre to cover all the work, seed, twine, threshing, etc., an amount that scarcely equals the simplest machine that the farmer buys, yet which only represents a small fraction of the factory investment, capital and labor employed.

"Who dare say in the face of these evidences, and considering the present high range of values for nearly every other commodity produced in the country, that wheat at this time and for the next crop is not equitably worth \$1 per bushel on the basis of the Chicago market, and that other farm crops should not be on a corresponding basis?

"Farmers keep this matter in mind, keep \$1 wheat (\$1 at Chicago) before you and you will get it as sure as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west. Above all, however, we implore you, don't be fools. When you get the equitable price, let it go. Sell on the basis of \$1 and no less, but don't hold for more or you may run up an unwieldy surplus which must eventually compel lower prices."

Fine Threshing Outfit.

Allen Odell, M. Jacobson's hustling salesman sold Hugh E. Hunter on Saturday last a Reeves threshing outfit consisting of a 20-horse power double compound engine and a 36-60 double separator.

This rig is complete with feeder, weigher, double separator and blow stacker.

With such an outfit, Mr. Hunter will be able to care for the grain in his locality and guarantee satisfaction especially in flax threshing.

Prizes for Farmers.

Fredeen & Stewart offer prizes of \$2.50 each for the best bundle of oats, wheat and barley brought to their office in the Da-

cotal block. They are making a collection of grains, grasses and vegetables raised in this part of the state and desire the farmers to bring in samples. They have one beautiful sample, a bunch of brome grass, raised on the Ed. Kettleon farm a short distance from town. It is four feet high and cuts four tons to the acre. Cattle do extra well on it and eat it up clean. It seeds itself for several years but about once in four years, it is best to tear the ground up. Some farmers cut it before it heads out getting two tons to the acre and later in the season cut it again getting two and one half tons more.

Army Worms

Some alarm is felt over the reports of the presence of army worms in the northwestern part of the state. Reports have been sent to Professor Waldron of the North Dakota Agricultural college, that the worms are devastating some of the wheat fields. It is said there are myriads of them and that they take absolutely all the vegetation from the fields they infest. From the meager description sent the professor, he is inclined to believe the pests are the "wheat head army worms," but he will not know till he reaches the fields. He left for Rugby Wednesday morning and will go to all infested districts from that point and take steps to destroy the pests.

Anent The Egg Throwing

Editor Johnston of Flaxton, who was egged by a few of the hoodlums of Bowbells, visited Minot Monday. Mr. Johnston's usage was uncalled for and the deal has made him hundreds of friends all over the state. The advertising Bowbells received by such actions does not do the place any good. Mr. Johnston expresses sympathy for the stricken people of Bowbells and speaks highly of the business men of that place. The egg throwing was not done by any of the business men," says Mr. Johnston, "but by the saloon keepers and the hangers on."

May Sue the City.

It is rumored that several of the property owners will sue the city on account of the grade established for the permanent walks. The grade leaves some of the business houses from one to three feet above the side walk.

Robbed Ole Thygeson

Ole Thygeson, the well known rancher came in to attend the circus and incidentally draw \$300 from the Second National bank with which to buy cattle. He didn't spend his money for cattle for he went in one of the little side shows at the circus grounds where a man grabbed him and ran away with his entire roll of bills. Mr. Thygeson is more than 60 years old and naturally grew excited and forgot to notify the police.

Unique Ball Game Promised.

The printers and the barbers will play ball in this city soon. There are several good players among the members of both professions, though it is almost certain that the "type stickers" will win out. It is reported that George Wilson and Marshall McClure will be the battery for the printers.

Barb Wire Galore.

One day recently Martiu Jacobson sold 10,400 pounds of barb wire. Mr. Jacobson had 200,000 pounds of wire shipped in recently. It is believed that this was the biggest shipment of wire ever made to a retail dealer in the state. Hundreds of miles of barb wire fence have been built in Ward county this year.

Pinney Bound Over

Attorney John J. Coyle returned from Devils Lake where he went to defend E. B. Pinney, charged by the government with embezzlement. Pinney was bound over to appear before the court Tuesday of this week.

J. C. HOFF FAILS.

Well Known Minot Furniture Man Has Store Closed to Satisfy Debts of \$650—Bad Collections Reason of Failure.

J. C. Hoff, one of the best known furniture dealers in the Northwest, has failed in business. His store was closed Saturday morning by Sheriff Scofield and a levy made on the stock for \$650 to satisfy bills owed to Draper Maynard Co., Deater, Kenneth Clark Co. and John Leslie Paper Co. It is thought that Mr. Hoff owes several thousand more dollars. Mr. Hoff was seen by an independent reporter and said he had \$2000 standing out but the collections are poor. He stated if he had had a little time he could have made the collections and paid up all of his debts. Mr. Hoff has a very large stock of furniture and other goods on hand and it is regretted that he had such bad luck. He came here several years ago and by attending strictly to business, worked up an excellent trade.

Bond was Approved.

The Blaisdell-Bird Co. had their \$10,000 bond approved by the Board of County Commissioners Friday, and Saturday was doing business. John J. Bates conducts the business. The prospects for this company are very bright. Mr. Bates has had considerable experience as an abstractor.

Elopers in Williston

Williston has a new sensation. A man named Richard Gould aged 40 with a girl aged 15 presumably his wife came to Williston last week and started housekeeping. A few days later a smooth faced gentleman from Central City, Neb., arrived and placed Gould under arrest. He eloped with the girl, leaving a wife and four children in Nebraska.

Snake Eating Causes Trouble

Fred Diss of Bottineau saw a snake eater July 4 and this so preyed upon his mind that he has gone insane. The sheriff took him in charge. He was bitten by a snake when a boy and this probably had something to do with intensifying the impression.

Plague Under Control.

Dr. J. D. Windell and Dr. Henry Windell whose lives at one time were nearly despaired of, are recovering from typhoid fever and are considered out of danger. The doctors have had a terrible seige. Dr. Bell of Kenmare has also about recovered from the disease. At Bowbells, the plague is under control and all the sick are recovering.

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