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## EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION HAS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Northwestern North Dakota Educational Association was called to order promptly at 1:30 p. m. last Friday in the high school building by Prof. Ellithorpe of Williston. Many teachers had enrolled during the forenoon and the seats were well filled. The Professor's opening remarks were well received. It was interesting to note that such a large number of those present were present at the meeting last year, which shows the interest taken in the organization.

The scholars of the 8th grade themselves proud by singing a pleasing song.

Co. Superintendent Warren, president of the association, delivered a lengthy address reviewing the history and purposes of the organization. He spoke of the fact that many rural teachers as well as others could not attend the state E. A. and this meeting gave them an opportunity to meet their fellow workers and later depart for their respective schools with renewed enthusiasm to carry on their noble profession.

One point was emphasized that politics and political influence should not be allowed in our schools. This end could not be obtained by legislation alone but every well-minded citizen should work for the upbuilding of our schools.

It was shown that rural schools were slighted by our legislature. Last year \$25,000 was given to high schools and this year \$45,000. At the same time rural schools received nothing.

The speaker also mentioned the millions that rich men pour into the coffers of our universities while never a cent goes to the little country school in which 90 per cent of our boys and girls get all the schooling they ever get.

The superintendent recalled

the fact that the first question an intending settler asks is, what kind of a church?

The good natured superintendent of Ward county has many warm friends and at the conclusion of his address, was heartily applauded.

After a short intermission and a song by the High School Glee Club, Prof. Abbott discussed spelling and held that oral spelling is preferable as against written work. Supt. Smith added some worthy points on the same subject.

One of the principal features of the afternoon was an address by State Supt. Stockwell, who is considered one of the finest speakers in the state. His forceful statements, as he drives them home with some appropriate gesture leave lasting impressions on his hearers.

The speaker held that after all is said about books, methods, etc., the teacher is the all important factor in the school room and equipment is the all-important factor in the teacher. The equipment of a teacher depended largely on three points, viz: Personality, academic knowledge, and professional training.

In the evening a free lecture was given at the new M. E. church by Prof. Vernon P. Squires of the State University on "American War Songs and Ballads." It was probably the first time the Prof. faced an audience in Minot but needless to say his listeners hope he can come again. He spoke with ease and fluency as he depicted in stirring words how some of our favorite songs originated. He said, "There are few things that come closer to the heart from the cradle to the grave than songs." Among the songs discussed were "Der Wacht on Rhine," "God Save the King," "Yankee Doodle," "The Star Spangled Banner" and others.

## GT. NORTHERN IS FRIENDLY COUNTY'S INDEBTEDNESS IS \$325,000.

Atty. LeSueur Representing that Company—Make Proposals to the City Which Will be Accepted—Our Relations With Jim Hill to be Pleasant.

A special meeting of the city council was held Wednesday evening, at which time matters of settlement between the city and the Great Northern were taken up. Atty. LeSueur representing the Great Northern was present.

By a vote of seven to three, it was decided that the city attorney should get together with Mr. LeSueur and draw up resolutions providing for the following:

First—That the Great Northern build and maintain an approach from the viaduct to Nedrud avenue, ending practically in front of Judge Murray's residence. A suitable foot crossing will be provided over the tracks at Nedrud avenue.

Second—That gates be constructed at Mill street owing to the heavy team traffic and the increased switching at that point.

Third—That the members of the city council ask for a grade crossing at Copper street owing to the intended new approach to the viaduct.

Fourth—That the road give the city a highway north of Railroad street upon consideration of the city vacating said street.

Fifth—That the road pay no taxes for sewer connection, but allow the city to use the ground in front of the freight house for sewer pipes. This agreement, however, in no way to interfere with proper taxation or assessment.

It looks as tho the city and the G. N. will be on very friendly terms when this settlement is made, and in the near future the city will endeavor to make all settlements with that company with promptness.

It Looks as Tho There Can be no Bridges Built in Ward County for Two Years to come--\$47,000 Bridge Warrants on Hand and Unpaid.

A reader of the Independent writes to ask just what is the financial standing of Ward county at the present time. In answer we can say that Ward county's indebtedness is practically \$325,000.

Of this amount there are \$8,000 in bonds to be taken up in 1910, \$12,000 in bonds to be taken up a little later, and then \$150,000 bonds were issued a couple of years ago. Besides there must be in the neighborhood of \$150,000 outstanding warrants.

Last year Ward county spent about \$60,000 on bridges. We have on hand at this time warrants on bridge funds aggregating \$47,000. As the total levy for the bridge funds for 1906 was less than \$20,000, it means that it will take all of the taxes of 1906 and 1907, before the county can pay what was spent for bridges--and then some.

To a man up a tree it looks as tho there will be no bridges built in Ward county the next two years, unless other provisions are made for money.

This leads the Independent to again point to the utter foolishness of Ward county's constructing the Des Lacs bridge at cost of \$25,000. The man who is responsible for this bridge ought to be made to work the rest of their natural lives to pay for it.

STRAYED—One black mule, with one blind eye, branded N on left jaw, rope halter, return to the Johnson Livery in Minot and receive reward. P. O. address, N. C. Nelson, 324 Walders St., Minot.

## MINOT GETS A NEW CREAMERY

The Independent Can Recommend White Bros. for their Reliability--Farmers who Have Done Business with Them Speak In the Highest Terms.

An Independent reporter called at White's Ice Cream factory and found the brothers planning on doing big things the present season.

For one thing, in a week or so they are going to install a creamery in connection with the ice cream factory so that they will be able to buy sweet and sour cream and the farmers can bring along all the cream they have to sell, for they will never get too much. They will make a fine grade of butter, retailing to the nice trade.

It will be news to many when they learn that last year this factory made 22,000 gallons of fine ice cream which went all over the northwest. This year the brothers put up 2000 tons of clear ice, and are going to do a

better business than ever. One of the members of the firm spent several days in Minneapolis buying for the season. A car load of tubs and cans arrived this week. A \$200 handsomely painted delivery wagon was just placed on the streets and a spanking new team will pull it. A beautiful new ice cream wagon will soon be placed on the streets.

The factory is equipped with electric motors and all the latest apparatus. Their Northside grocery store has been enlarged until it is one of the best stocked stores in the city.

The Independent can recommend White Bros. for their reliability. Farmers who have done business with them speak in the highest terms of their methods.

Mrs. P. Questad left this morning for Fossten, Minn., for a visit.

Tracy the land man asks everyone to read his weekly letter. There's something in it.

At Des Lacs, fourteen miles west of Minot, the fire whistle was plainly heard one day last week.

There's always something doing in Tracy, the land man's weekly letter. Don't pass it up. It's worth reading.

A horse which Harvey Johnson was riding, fell and broke the young man's arm close to the shoulder.

L. B. Shea, a farmer south of town, is ill of the measles and his children who have not yet had them have the laugh on their daddy.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Crokat returned from California where they spent the winter. They had a most enjoyable time.

Oswald M. Carr has bought the Rotngarn & Rustad bankrupt stock at Grano and will continue the store.

Capt. B. C. Boyd, the surveying officer, will inspect the equipment of Company D. at the Dolloff hall this evening.

The Mickelson Chemical Co. is working overtime getting out gopher poison. This poison is doing the business, and is going like hot cakes.

Mr. and Mrs. John McJannett have returned from California and other western points where they spent several months. Mr. McJannett's health is greatly improved.

Minot will be without a band this season unless the business men get together and do something substantial. The boys say they need new music and need a leader and it's necessary to raise \$125 a month. This ought to be done and can be done very easily.

H. P. Rygmyr has sold his quarter section of land ten miles southwest of Minot to James Scofield for \$3,800. Mr. Rygmyr has invested in a quarter near Donnybrook for \$1500. Mr. Scofield owns a dozen or more quarters southwest of town and will have in a good many hundred acres of crop this season. Mr. Rygmyr has made quite a success of farming.

### Basket Social at Harrison.

Miss McGrath, the popular teacher of the Harrison school near town, gave a basket social Friday night to a large crowd, and \$23 was cleared which will go towards buying a new organ.

B. G. Turner, the auctioneer, did remarkably well, and selected one of the finest baskets for himself. Prof. Rogne, and Messrs. Kelley and Hancock from this city, were out and assisted in a musical way. The gathering broke up at three o'clock in the morning.

### Violin Concert.

Olav Moe will give a violin concert at the M. E. church, Friday night, April 12, at 8 p. m. The concert is given under the auspices of the "Norden" young people's society.

Moe is an artist of rare ability and the lovers of high class music cannot afford to miss the opportunity.

Miss Blanche Lynch will add to the entertainment by giving two of her well known solos.

### The Hub is Open.

The Hub had its formal opening Thursday and is now in excellent shape. This store is after the business this year and if printer's ink counts for anything, they will get their share of it. The Hub has good connections in the east, one member of the firm living in Chicago, and another in New York City, who spend their time in picking up good snaps.

Buying goods at the Hub saves you all the time, energy and money expended in trying to find the leading house styles, variety, fit service and values.

Martin O. Helseth, a young farmer residing southwest from Flaxton, was arrested in Minot Monday and taken to the hospital where he married a young woman who claimed that it was he who caused her ruin.

A young man appeared before a magistrate on Monday stating that he wished to marry but did not know of a suitable companion, and offered the magistrate \$300 spot cash to find a help mate for him. The magistrate told the fellow to be on hand at 4 o'clock and he would have his bride to be in readiness. The swain put in his appearance, the magistrate had the young woman in wait and at ten minutes past four the couple were man and wife. "When I marry you, you will stay married," the magistrate explained and the couple went away as happy as a pair of larks in June.

By the first of May, White's Ice Cream factory will be able to accept your cream, sweet or sour and will pay an extra price for sweet cream on delivery. Before contracting your cream, see them and save money. 4-11tf

FOR SALE—At 40 cts. White Banner seed oats, weighs 48 lbs. to bu. FRANZ HERZIG, Tasker, N. D. 4-11tf

### G. N. Will Utilize Electricity.

Electricity will be utilized by the Great Northern Railway company instead of steam as motive power on at least one division of its transcontinental line in North Dakota, as well as in hauling its trains thru the famous Cascade tunnel in the Rocky mountains.

The particular stretch of road where it has now been decided to use electricity is between Minot and Williston, where the road's supply of water is so full of mineral salts that an engine must be taken into the roundhouse after every run to have its boilers cleaned.

Plans for the substitution of electricity on this stretch of road in North Dakota have been under consideration for some time and the company practically has decided upon the change. Cary T. Hutchinson, an expert electrical engineer from the east, and several others from the twin cities have been called in consultation with the superintendent of motive power for the railroad company, and from their figures it has been determined that the particular section of the road under consideration, which is 121 miles long, could be operated by electricity at a great saving as compared with present expense.

The road between Minot and Williston has been giving the company a great deal of trouble and at times the difficulties experienced have been sufficient to interfere materially with the operation of trains. After every run it has been necessary to put an engine into the roundhouse for an overhauling of several hours' duration and this loss of time made it necessary to use more engines on that portion of the road than any other.

It is estimated that with the adoption of electric power six or eight locomotives will be sufficient for better operation of this part of the road, and the cost will be greatly cut down.

Corn for sale, 50c per bushel, at Farmers' Elevator.

### Will Wed at Foxholm

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Rudolph Musch and Miss Walburga Pritschet, two prominent young people of Foxholm. The ceremony will take place at the St. Mary's Catholic church, and the reception to be held at the home of the bride-to-be, immediately after. A large number of friends have been invited.

### New N. E. A. Officers.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Clarence Ellithorpe, Williston, Pres.; Geo. Forster, Harvey, 1st V. P.; Supt. D. McDonald, McHenry county, 2nd V. P.; Miss Blanche Dalager, Minot, Sec'y.; Supt. A. J. Scott, Rugby, Treas.

A. S. Blakey is feeling unusually good over securing the contract of furnishing the drugs to Ward county for the ensuing year. The Captain is one of Minot's time tried druggists and is getting more popular every year.

The many friends of Robert McDougall of Winnipeg, who formerly lived in Minot, will be glad to learn that he is crawling rapidly to the front. He has been promoted until he is now director of passengers in the Winnipeg depot.

Robert Gillispie left this evening for Spencer, Ia., for a visit. This is about the first vacation "Bobbie" has taken since he located in Minot six years ago and he richly deserves it. By the way, Mr. Gillispie has come to the front in good shape, and has demonstrated that North Dakota's the only place for the young man of today.

A farmer reader of the Independent suggests that a co-operative Fire and Lightning company be organized in Ward county. Very few farm buildings are insured. This man was insured in such a company nine years in Minnesota, and it cost him less than 25 cents a hundred per year. This is worth considering.

## LEAVES FORTUNE TO DOG.

Chas. Burke of Ross, who Died During the Winter, Leaves \$500 to Feed His Bull Dog, "Paddy," on Porter House Steak--Queer Bequest.

Ross has a bull dog that is faring far better than many people. The dog formerly was the property of Chas. Burke who died at Ross during the winter. Burke left a will, oddly written by himself in which he leaves a sufficient amount of his \$5000 to buy Porter House steak for his dog, "Paddy" the rest of his natural life. What money that

would then be left is to go to Burke's aged sister in Pennsylvania. The dog is being taken care of by Christ Holo of Ross and is living on the fat of the land. The money, we understand is on deposit in the Ross bank. The dog, is very particular and will not eat meat unless it is just so. The odd will is on file in the Ross bank.

## The Engagement Ring

Whoever has an engagement ring to buy can have no difficulty in selecting one here.

We have a full assortment of rings, mounted with all the various stones that are likely to be chosen, and at prices to suit all pocketbooks.

We also have a fine display of gifts appropriate for the lady of one's choice--among them a beautiful showing of lorgnette chains and dainty fobs--comprising the handsomest styles, in the best quality of gold-filled goods made.

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