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Minot Local Actors Make Good

"Charley's Aunt" Pleased a Large Crowd--Company Acted Like Old Professionals--Library Benefit

"Charley's Aunt" presented by local talent under the direction of Mr. Frank J. Hallo, at the Jacobson Saturday night, was one of the most clever things in the way of a theatrical production which the citizens of Minot have ever seen in this city.

The production was given as a benefit for the new city library and so well was it patronized that \$350 was cleared. Those participating in the play gave their services absolutely free, as did Mr. Hallo, who spent a great deal of his time and considerable money in making the proposition a huge success.

The opera house was crowded with Minot's best people, and from the time the curtain raised until it went down in the last act, there was one continual round of laughter and applause, so great at times, that the players could not be heard.

"Charley's Aunt" is the funniest of productions, and with the excellent cast which produced it, made it an ideal attraction.

Sam H. Clark, as Lord Fencourt Brabberly, an undergraduate at Oxford, was very popular. Should Sam ever decide to quit the newspaper business, and cut out mingling in politics, he could make his mark on the stage. He impersonated Charley's Aunt from Brazil in a manner too cute for anything, and handled his skirts in a manner which was so graceful that you'd have thought Sam had been wearing them all his life.

No one would have suspected that Stephen Spettigue the old Oxford solicitor, was Otto Ellison, who manages one of the departments in the Fair store, so excellent was his make-

up. Mr. Ellison was hardly known by his best friends. H. Z. Mitchell as Jack Chesney and S. N. Swensen as Charley Wykeham, undergraduates at Oxford, performed their parts like past masters of the profession and wrote love letters and made love just as if they had actually had some experience along that line once upon a time. Miss White as Kitty Verdun, Spettigue's ward, and Mrs. P. McKone as Amy Spettigue, niece of Spettigue, appeared charming, acted the beautiful maidens in love, in a charming manner. Brassett, the college scout, was impersonated by Guy Humphreys, who was right at home on the stage.

It takes a very dignified actor to act the part of Sir Francis Chesney, and one would have had to hunt the city over to find anyone who could have equaled Mark Chatfield, the lawyer. Miss Dix, one of Minot's popular school teachers was Donna Lucia D'Alvaredez, Charley's aunt from Brazil. Miss Dix filled the bill to perfection, and made a most pleasing impression on everyone. Miss Miller as Ella DeJane, an orphan, was clever, in fact each and every one was frequently applauded for some clever bit of acting.

Many of the surrounding towns would be more than pleased to have the local company favor them with this production and the members are thinking strongly of visiting a few of the more important places. Mr. Jacobson very kindly gave the use of the opera house free, so the expenses were cut to a minimum and the sum correspondingly larger was given to the library.

Tot Young and Grace Manning

At the Arcade This Week



Young and Manning are playing to packed houses at the Arcade theatre this week.

They are presenting their latest success, the comedy sketch, "A Coon's Temptation."

Mr. Young in his "black-face" characters, singing, dancing and banjo playing won much applause.

Miss Manning's apple song "Columbia Ann," was well liked. The Motion Pictures are very good. The stirring little drama, "A Gypsy's Revenge," one of Pathe's best films, and "A Cabbie's Delusion" are the feature films.

Leonard Bardsley singing the illustrated song "We Never Seemed so Far Apart Before" is very good.

To All Masons in Minot

All Masons, whether members of the Minot lodge or elsewhere, are invited to attend the dedication of the new Temple in this city, Feb. 28. Those who do not secure tickets from the committee may do so at the door.

Florida and California are taking their hats off to North Dakota this winter.

FLED FOR THEIR LIVES

Occupants of a Lodging House Routed out of Bed by an Early Morning Fire.—Firemen do Effective Work. Loss is Slight.

An early morning fire Monday routed out about twenty lodgers in the building on East Second street which is used for lodging purposes by the Windsor hotel. The fire started from the furnace and soon the flames were eating their way rapidly towards the upper rooms, where many were sleeping soundly. The firemen responded to the alarm quickly and in less than three minutes after the alarm sounded, they had the fire under control. They would have made much better run than that, but for the fact that the streets were very slippery.

The building was damaged some from smoke and water, but the flames did very little damage. The beds, bedding, trunks, clothing, etc., were all thrown out of the building, and of course were damaged to some extent. The lodgers had time only to make a hasty toilet and many were compelled to face the zero weather clad in pajamas and an overcoat, or some even had only their bedding around them.

The firemen made an effective rescue of a young woman who was sleeping soundly. The smoke was filling her room and they were compelled to roll her in the bedding and carry her out of the building. The firemen deserve a great deal of praise for their work of Monday morning.

We understand that the loss is covered by insurance.

Tom Marshall has gained one more vote. A North Dakotan bit on that old Madrid, Spain, swindle, in which the warden of some prison informs a citizen of the United States that one of his relatives died in Spain leaving untold wealth, which however is in other hands, and which can be secured for a certain amount of money. An alleged priest is at the bottom of the deal, tho he is no priest at all. A North Dakotan addressed an envelope to Spain, placed \$850 in it and put it into the mail. He afterwards learned of the swindle and tried to get the letter back before it left the United States. Thru the efforts of Mr. Marshall, the letter was intercepted and the money returned to Mr. E. Z. Mark.

J. R. Jensen of Bowbells writes the Independent asking us to correct a mistake which occurred in the commissioners' proceedings. The proceedings have it that O. R. Martin is allowed \$2 per week for the care of J. R. Jensen. The fact of the case is that one O. P. Martin is in the care of Joseph Martin, who is allowed \$2 per week for his care. This error was the fault of the proceedings which were handed the Independent.

A great many of the papers thru-out the state are calling Paul V. McCoy, Minot's druggist the state's best advertiser.

Notice to the Tax Payers of Ward Co.

In the official paper of Ward county, North Dakota, I find published the commissioners proceedings Feb. 8, 1908.

I, R. H. Emerson, of the First District wish to inform the tax payers why Com. Abbott did not get a second to his motion to advertise for bids for bridges and grades. Twenty-three of the bunch published at this time had been advertised before, nine of them the reports of some of the viewing committee had never been accepted which must according to law be done before they can be advertised for bids. Neither had the surveyor made estimates of the cost of same, which should also be done before advertising for bids.

The other motion of Com. Abbott's in regard to designating the First State Bank of Coteau as a county depository will say that the reason why Com. Abbott did not get a second to his motion is that the county treasury is short a bank for depositing county funds, he has to make application to the commissioners to designate one, which he did not do as he told me personally that he had plenty of county depositories at the present time, and needed no more.

The time designated by laws for making of county depositories is each odd numbered years and if a depository is needed before this time the treasurer's duty is to make application to the board of commissioners for same.

Truly yours,

R. H. Emerson, Com. 1st. Dist.

Frank Linha was in the office Thursday setting up for his paper for another year and incidentally remarked that his new farm house two miles north of the city was about completed. He informs us that the house already cost \$8,000 and it will require another thousand dollars to complete it. This is without doubt one of the finest farm houses in the county, and the money which went into this house was every cent made right on the farm during the past seven years.

H. L. Greenlee of Tagus writes that the little local which he inserted in the Independent for some lost horses, was the means of locating the animals south of Minot. It would be well for anyone who has lost anything to insert a local in this paper, for nine chances out of ten you will find the missing property.

It is strange that some of the North Dakota delegation in congress does not call the attention of the president or someone else to the work of Col. Lounsbury, an employe of the government, is the Washington press agent of the gang. This old fossil spends his time in Washington and draws a salary from the government while he spends his time manufacturing buncombe about the work of Senator Hansbrough and other members of the machine. Let the gang hire their press agent.—Times Record.

Berthold has a school girls' basket ball team.

Is the Talk of the Country

Druggist Circular Gives McCoy a Great Write-up Concerning His Two Page Advertisement--Good Advice To Others in Business

The Druggists' Circular of New York city, one of the leading druggists' journals published in the country, contains a length writeup, concerning the two page advertisement which Paul V. McCoy placed in this paper the first week in January. The article says in part: On Jan. 4, Paul V. McCoy of Minot, N. D., wrote me a letter consisting of seventeen words. This short letter written hastily has given me more pleasure than anything which I have seen for some time.

The letter head bears the caption "The Quality Store." On the outside of the envelope there is this caption: "Quality, first, last and always." About a year ago this druggist wrote me if by memory serves me right, that he was doing upwards of \$100,000 business a year.

Minot, N. D., is a town of about 5,000 inhabitants surrounded by a very successful and prosperous territory. (Minot had only 5,000 population, when Mr. McCoy first wrote the editor of the Circular, but since that time, it has grown until it now has a population of about 7,000.)

The enclosure with this letter is what pleased me. What do you suppose it was? It was a two page advertisement from a local paper of Jan. 2. In other words, let me tell you what I saw in this two page advertisement.

First of all, I saw the name of the druggist who had made a big success. Under his name, is the title, "Merch-

andising druggist" which means that this druggist not only fills prescriptions, but that he is a merchant as well. The next thing that I see in this advertisement, is its hopeful tone from start to finish. Remember, it was inserted the day after New Year's—a week after the holiday rush had ended.

And then the editor goes on with a large portion of the reading contained in the advertisement, which the readers are all familiar with. The editor then says:

When some foolish druggists are saying they must cut down their advertising, stop spending money because perhaps trade has slackened up a little, Mr. McCoy steps forward and "bulls" the market with a big two page advertisement. Furthermore there is not a thing in all of that two pages which indicates that times are hard. You don't hear a word in this advertisement about stringent times or tight money or buying only whatever is necessary. This firm appears to be doing business upon the right principle, has faith in the local town, faith in itself, goes right ahead orders goods which have to be made in Spain and Germany, puts in advance orders for big lines of goods, and has no fear of the future.

If every druggist in the United States would follow that plan, it would be the best tonic for business conditions, that the drug trade could possibly produce.

Announcement.

To the Voters of Ward County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of sheriff of Ward county, state of North Dakota, subject to the decision of the primaries of the county at the June primaries.

Ernestly soliciting your support, I am
Yours respectfully,
S. A. Sorenson, Sherwood, N. D.

Lent begins March 4. and Easter Sunday will fall on April 19. Easter comes somewhat later this year as last year it fell on March 31. Last year Lent began on Feb. 13.

It has been estimated by the grain men that only fifteen per cent of the grain remains to be sold. This is less than usual, for the farmers nearly all had to sell their grain last fall to meet their obligations.

The "progressive" Republican press will have to find another issue to direct its fire against, since Alex. McKenzie has announced that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself as national committeeman from this state.

The Mohall Tribune announces that it will be for a man simply because he belongs to a certain faction or party, but in the present campaign will select the best men regardless of faction.

The candidates are slow in making their announcements. Mr. Sorenson, candidate for sheriff of Ward county, starts thee ball a rolling this week with his announcement in the Independent.

Few men who get into deep water can remember that much depends upon keeping the mouth shut. This is especially true of politicians. Huh!

"The best man at a wedding isn't the bridegroom, but don't tell the bride," says an exchange. No need of it. She discovers that soon enough after the affair is over.

Judge Goss went to Fargo last week and heard several cases in which Judge Pollock was interested. Mr. Pollock held court in Williston in Goss' stead.

Editor Corbett of the Williston Graphic brot his little daughter to Minot last week and an operation was performed on her nose.

WATCHES

Our watch stock comprises everything desirable, and are cased in solid gold, gold-filled, silver or nickel as desired. Every one is guaranteed and the prices are right.

W. H. REIGHART

THE EXCLUSIVE JEWELER

WATCH INSPECTOR G. N. RAILWAY

A Devils Lake boy found \$130 in the lining of an old pair of trousers which belonged to an old man who was found dead. Prior to that time \$192 and a gold watch had been taken from the clothing and then the old duds were thrown away. The boy got \$30 for his trouble, the remainder of the money being sent to the dead man's relatives in Colorado.

It is understood that a car load of wings have been ordered for the North Dakota political angels.

William Miller, editor of the Minne-wauken Siftings, has been appointed register of the land office at Devils Lake, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of M. H. Brennen.

Mrs. P. O. Nolen is dead at Aurelia. She was the daughter of J. D. McCormick, one of the early settlers of the Aurelia country.

TAKEN UP—At my house on the SE 1-4 of sec. 24, 156-83, a black gelding weight about 1400 lbs. left ear split an inch, main roached close, white spot in forehead, about 13 or 14 years old.
H. E. Smith
Box 662, Minot, N. D.
2-20-3-5 chg.